FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE or MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING COURSE

Department/School  Gender Studies Program Date  September 26, 2005

Course No. or level  200  Title  Gender Studies

Semester hours  3  Clock hours:  Lecture x Laboratory

Prerequisites  None

Enrollment expectation  20

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

modification
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)

substitute
(The proposed new course replaces a deleted course as a General Education or program requirement.)

alternate
(The proposed new course can be taken as an alternate to an existing course.)

Name of person preparing course description: Jennifer Liethen Kunka, Janis McWayne, Charlene Wages, Lisa Eargle, Rusty Ward, Lisa Pike

Department Chairperson’s /Dean’s Signature

Date of Implementation  Fall 2006

Date of School/Department approval

Catalog description.

ADD, on page 176 of the current catalog:

**GNDR 200** (3) Introductory survey of the basic concepts and scope of gender including the intersections of gender, race, class, and sexuality from the perspectives of the participating disciplines.

Purpose:
1. For Whom (generally?)

Undergraduate students pursuing a minor or collateral in Gender Studies will be required to take this course. This course is appropriate for any undergraduate student interested in learning about gender.

2. What should the course do for the student?

Specific course objectives include teaching students

- To understand theories of gender and to develop a critical framework for thinking about questions relating to gender
- To improve critical thinking and analytical skills and apply them to contemporary gender issues
- To articulate in speech and writing ideas about gender and its intersections with class, race and sexuality
- To improve research skills
- To examine critically the processes by which we reach and develop opinions
- To analyze historical gender prescriptives
- To examine issues of social justice and equality.

Teaching method planned:
This course will be team-taught by faculty from two different disciplines. The scheduling of this course will be arranged by the Gender Studies Coordinator (when appointed). Gender Studies 200 will include a combination of lectures and discussions. Student-organized discussions and presentations will also form part of the course content. Films and other media resources will be reviewed and analyzed throughout the course.

Textbook and/or materials planned (including electronic/multimedia):


Additional readings and films will be added by the course instructors. Please refer to the two attached syllabi for examples of additional texts and films that may be added, depending upon the disciplinary focus of each course.

Course Content: (Please explain the content of the course in enough detail so that the
Academic Affairs Committee can make an informed judgement. Include a syllabus for the course.)

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REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS:
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Readings in Gender and Culture in America – Nancy P. McKee and Linda Stone
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On reserve:

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This course satisfies a requirement for the Gender Studies Collateral and Minor; for more information contact XXXXXXX.
GRADE DISTRIBUTION:
Exam 1  15%
Exam 2  15%
Debate  15%
Research Paper  25%
Final Exam  15%
Class Participation/Quizzes  15%

CLASS POLICIES:
1) This policy sheet supplements the policies printed in the Francis Marion University Handbook.

2) Attendance: There is no formal penalty for not attending class; however your participation grade will suffer if you are not here to participate. Roll will be taken so that we can have a record of your attendance. If you decide to withdraw from the course during the semester, be sure to complete a withdrawal form from the Registrar’s office. If you do not complete the withdrawal process, you will receive an F for the course even if you were passing at the time of withdrawal. If you must miss class, please call or email your professors so we can inform you of the assignment for the following class.

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## COURSE CALENDAR

### I. Gender and Culture, Images and Assumptions

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| 1    | Introduction to the course; definitions of sex, gender, and sexuality  
Readings: “Becoming Members of Society” – Holly Devor (RGCA 26-47)  
“Introduction” – Stone and McKee (GCA 1-25) |
| 2    | Advertisement analysis; discussion of cultural assumptions of gender  
Readings: “The Cult of Masculinity” – Michael S. Kimmel (RGCA 97-111)  
“Mothers Giving Birth to Motherhood” – John R. Gillis (RGCA 112-134) |
| 3    | Television analysis; discussion of cultural assumptions of gender and the family  
Body images  
Readings: “Fat Talk” – Mimi Nichter and Nancy Vuckovic (RGCA 134-149)  
“In Pursuit of the Perfect Penis” – Leonore Tiefer (RGCA 150-164) |
| 4    | EXAM 1 |

### II. Gender in Disciplinary Contexts and Perspectives

| WEEK 4.5 | History of gender; definitions of feminism, gender studies, masculinity studies  
| 5    | History of Gender  
Economics and Politics of Gender  
Readings: “The Twentieth Century” – Stone and McKee (GCA 63-95)  
“American Gender: Themes and Issues” – Stone and McKee (GCA 185-204) |
| 6    | Gender and Race  
Readings: Passing – Nella Larsen  
“Ethnic Minorities: Native Americans and African Americans” – Stone and McKee  
(GCA 97-126)  
“Not That Sort of Women” – Hannah Rosen (RGCA 269-294) |
| 7    | Biological Determinants: Chromosomes and Hormones |
| 8    | Biological Determinants: Syndromes and Physical Aspects  
Readings: As Nature Made Him – John Colapinto  
EXAM 2 |

### III. Clinical Considerations of Gender: Individual Experiences

| WEEK 9 | Clinical Issues  
Readings: As Nature Made Him – John Colapinto |
| 10   | Clinical Issues  
Readings: “Gender Role, Gender Identity, Core Gender Identity: Usage and Definitions and Terms” – John Money (on reserve)  
“Human Sexology and Psychoneuroendocrinology” – John Money (on reserve)  
(on reserve)  
Selections from the DSM-IV  
**CONFERENCES ON RESEARCH PAPERS** |
| 11   | DEBATE  
Gender identity and transgender  
Readings: Stone Butch Blues – Leslie Feinberg |
| 12   | Gender identity and transgender  
Readings: Stone Butch Blues – Leslie Feinberg;  
“Transgender Warriors” – Leslie Feinberg (RGCA 186-200)  
“Difference, Desire, and the Self: Three Stories” – Arlene Stein (RGCA 200-215) |
| 13   | Film: Boys Don’t Cry  
Gender identity and homosexuality |
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| WEEK 8 | Violence and gender  
Readings:  
- Where Race and Gender Meets: Racism, Hate Crimes, and Pornography (SCDI 515-518 on reserve)  
- Fraternities and Collegiate Rape Culture (SCDI 519 – 532 on reserve)  
- The Construction of Masculinity and the Triad of Men’s Violence (SCDI 533 – 549 on reserve)  
- Homophobia as a Weapon of Sexism (SCDI 550 - 559 on reserve) |
| WEEK 9 | Clinical issues, - medical distrust, HIV, eugenics, and Tuskegee  
Readings:  
- Boundary Crossings: Gender and Power in Clinical Ethics Consultations – (G & H 205 – 226 on reserve)  
- Medicalization of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality - (GSL 133-201 on reserve) |
| WEEK 10 | Gender and Disease  
Readings:  
- Young Males Sexual Education and Health Services – Howard – (coursepack)  
- A Sad Day for Science at the FDA – Wood (coursepack)  
Film: Wit |
| WEEK 11 | The Lifespan  
Readings:  
- Gender, Aging, and Health: A Comparative Approach (G & H 87 - 122 on reserve)  
- Gender Differences in Physical Disability Among an Elderly Cohort – Murtaugh (coursepack)  
Presentations Due |
| WEEK 11.5 | Gender Identity and Transgender  
Readings:  
- Stone Butch Blues – Leslie Feinberg |
| WEEK 12 | Gender Identity and Transgender  
Readings:  
- Stone Butch Blues – Leslie Feinberg;  
- “Transgender Warriors” – Leslie Feinberg (RGCA 186-200) |
| WEEK 13 | Gender Identity and Homosexuality  
- Beyond Pink and Blue -- Leslie Feinburg (on reserve)  
- Changing Gay and Lesbian Images in the Media—Ore (SCDI 446-457 on reserve) |
| WEEK 14 | Putting it all together – It’s a wrap  
Course Reflections  
Papers Due |
| FINAL EXAM | TBA |
GNDR 200 Coursepack

The Egg and the Sperm: How Science has Constructed a Romance Based on Stereotypical Male-Female Roles – Martin


Socially Constructed Power Relations: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Class -- Weber

Questions to ask when analyzing Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality --Weber

Life expectancy and gender, race, and class effects on mortality indices -- Mokdad

Young Males Sexual Education and Health Services – Howard

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GNDR 200 Books on Reserve

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Selections on Reserve

Theories of Sexuality, Gender, and the Law -- (GSL)

Risk, Prevention, and International Health Policy -- (G & H 326 - 337)

Where race and gender meets: Racism, Hate Crimes, and Pornography (SCDI 515-518)

Fraternities and collegiate rape culture (SCDI 519–532)

The construction of masculinity and the triad of men’s violence (SCDI 533-549)

Homophobia as a weapon of sexism (SCDI 550-559)

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Medicalization of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality - (GSL 133-201)

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Changing gay and lesbian images in the media—(SCDI 446-457)
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Department/School: History Date: September 2, 2005

Course No. or level: 321 Title: Family and Gender History in EurAsian Perspective

Semester hours: 3 Clock hours: 3 Lecture: xx Laboratory: N/A

Prerequisites: One 200-level history course or permission of department is prerequisite to all history courses above the 299 level.

Enrollment expectation: 25

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

modification ______ N/A ______________________
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Name of person preparing course description: Mary Louise Nagata

Department Chairperson’s/Dean’s Signature________________________________________

Provost’s Signature______________________________________________________________

Date of Implementation: Fall 2006

Date of School/Department approval______________________________________________

Catalog description:
A general survey of family and gender history in comparative perspective across the Eurasian continent that addresses family and demographic systems as they vary and change through time and space. Considers the interaction of family with economic, religious, political, institutional and demographic change. Gender roles and life course are also a major focus.

Purpose: 1. For Whom (generally?)
History majors and minors, students interested in the gender collateral as well as any other interested students.

2. What should the course do for the student?

The course should provide a good grounding in family and gender history, family and population theory, and the relationship of family and gender to society and historical change. The use of both historical and comparative materials from Asia to Europe (Japan, Korea, China, Vietnam, Thailand, India, Baltic states, Germany, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Austria, France, Spain, England) will provide a view that is neither Eurocentric nor limited to modern definitions of family, family practice or gender roles, but broaden student perceptions and definitions of family and gender roles.

Teaching method planned: lectures, discussion (including Internet discussion), presentations.

Textbook and/or materials planned (including electronic/multimedia):

Main texts:


We will also make use of *The History of the Family, An International Quarterly*, a journal that is available electronically through the library as well as materials on reserve.

Eventually I want to use Antoinette Fauve-Chamoux (ed), *The Stem Family in EurAsian Perspective*, (Bern, CH: Peter Lang Press forthcoming 2006) as a main text, but it is in the process of publication.

Optional texts:

Peter Laslett and Richard Wall (eds), *Household and Family in Past Time: comparative studies in the size and structure of the domestic group over the last three centuries in England, France, Serbia, Japan and colonial North America, with further materials from Western Europe*, (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press 1972).


Other texts and articles:


Wakita Haruko, “The Medieval Household and Gender Roles within the Imperial Family, Nobility, Merchants, and Commoners,” Hitomi Tonomura, Anne Walthall, and Wakita Haruko (eds), *Women and Class in Japanese History*, (University of Michigan 1999)
I personally own all of this material in one form or another with the exception of the main texts, so anything that is not available through the library or online I can provide as library reserve or, for short articles, handouts.

Course Content: (Please explain the content of the course in enough detail so that the Academic Affairs Committee can make an informed judgement. Include a syllabus for the course.)

The course is organized on the assumption of a MWF schedule, but can be adjusted if necessary. I divide the course into 5 segments that are mostly chronological. The first segment addresses the theoretical basics and encourages the student to understand and think critically about family and gender as it relates to the student as well as in general terms. The second segment addresses family and gender in ancient and medieval societies in Europe and Asia. Topics include the mutual relations and influence of family, economy and religion upon gender roles and family practice.

The third segment focuses on family and gender in the early modern world before the 19th century across the EurAsian continent continuing the study of the relation between family, demography, economy and politics as well as how these shape gender roles and how these roles changed through both direct action and social and economic change. The fourth segment continues this story in the 19th century seeing the 19th century as a period of major economic, political and institutional change and the roles and effects of these changes upon family and gender.

The final segment addresses changes in family practice and gender roles in the 20th century, as well as issues that have become the focus of debate in contemporary society. By this time students should have a strong comparative background that will allow them to see this issues in new ways and developed their own informed opinions on them.

When completed, forward to the Office of the Provost. 9/03
1. Course explanation (MWF version, 40 lectures assumed)

This course is designed as a general survey of family and gender history in comparative perspective across the Eurasian continent. The course is organized chronologically and will address family and demographic systems as they vary and change through time and space. Topics will include the interaction of family with economic, religious, political, institutional and demographic change. Gender roles and life course are also a major part of the story. The texts are meant to supplement and support lectures that address a greater range of material than found in the texts. Questions on quizzes and the final exam will include material from both the readings and the lectures. Attendance is therefore mandatory to passing this course and you must keep up with the readings. See below for a detailed list of lecture topics.

2. Texts

Required texts:


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Optional texts:

Peter Laslett and Richard Wall (eds), *Household and Family in Past Time: comparative studies in the size and structure of the domestic group over the last three centuries in England, France, Serbia, Japan and colonial North America*, with further


If you have problems getting the texts at the bookstore, they are also available through Amazon.com. There is also additional material you can find at the online library site www.questia.com.

Course Requirements and Grading

Homework 25%
5 quizzes 25%
Short essay 25%
Final exam 25%

Homework—There will be several homework assignments designed to help to think about the topics introduced in class. Each assignment should be 2-5 pages. See below for more details. Discussion, both in class and online are part of the homework grade.

Quizzes—There will be five quizzes with five questions each taken from both reading assignments and lecture material. Each quiz will contribute 5% of your grade.

Short essay—Find some topic that interests you by the beginning of November and investigate it using library materials. See me for topic approval. Your essay should be short: 5-10 pages and use more than one hard copy published reference. The essay is due on the last day of class and I will do my best to return the essays at the final exam.

Final exam—Questions and topics on the exam will be taken from lectures, readings and discussions. Again class attendance and keeping up with the readings are essential for successfully completing this course.

Extra credit—If you should miss a class or there is a topic you want to know more about, you are welcome to do some library research and write a short 1-2 page paper for extra credit. You can do this as much as you like, or not. This is up to you.

3. Lecture Topics
1. What is a family? Discussion: kin relations, networks and households
2. Family systems and household structures
3. Family systems, household formation and inheritance (lineality)
4. Family systems, marriage (inheritance), gender and power
5. Family systems, family practice and social constraints: religion and the state
6. Family systems, practice and population theory
7. Family, demography, gender and the life course
8. Individualism and collectivism?
9. The Family in Classical Europe: Greece and Rome (quiz 1)
10. Women and family in Anglo-Saxon England
11. Women and family in medieval western Europe
12. Women, family and power in Ancient China
13. Women and Family in Ancient Japan and Korea
14. The transition from matrilineal to patrilineal society in medieval Japan
15. Women, family and the rise of Islam
16. Traditional families in global perspective I: General discussion

17. Family and gender in early modern Europe: the northwestern European family pattern (quiz 2)
18. The stem family in Europe: regional variations and assumptions
19. The family in eastern Europe: joint families
20. The Asian joint family: India and China
21. The Japanese stem family system
22. The matrilineal family system of Southeast Asia: Thai and Vietnam
23. Women, gender and political change in early modern Europe
24. Women, gender and politics in early modern China and Japan

25. Family, gender and economic change in 19th century Western Europe (quiz 3) Final essay topics due today!!
26. Family, gender and political change in 19th century Western Europe
27. Family, gender and economic development in 19th century Japan
28. Family, gender and political change in 19th century Japan
29. Family, gender and institutional change in 19th century Japan
30. Images of the family in the 19th century world
31. Constraints and influences on family practice from global perspective
32. New developments in family life and practice: General discussion

33. Families and family businesses in 20th century Asia (quiz 4)
34. Families and family businesses in 20th century Europe and North America
35. The politics of family practice I: marriage and divorce
36. The politics of family practice II: the demographic transition
37. Politics continued: fertility and population
38. Politics continued: aging societies and “young” societies
39. Family and gender in the modern world: General discussion
40. General discussion (quiz 5)

The Final Exam is scheduled for .

4. Readings

Each reading should be completed by the date given. The lectures are designed with the assumption that you have read the required material and will go on from there with discussion and debate.

Week 3 Servais & Arrault 23-71, Goody 1996: 162-204,

Week 4 Burguière Part 1 (excerpts), Wakita 1999
Week 5 Burguière Part 3 (excerpts)
Week 6 Hartman 70-110, Hughes and Hughes 33-69

Week 8 Nagata 2004, Hashimoto 2003, Ravindran 2003
Week 9 Hughes and Hughes 139-159, Mackie 15-44, Honeyman 35-71

Week 10 Honeyman 72-114, Nagata 2003
Week 11 Tilly 1993, Sato 114-151
Week 12 Colli 27-76, Gerlach 92-102, Fuess 75-118

Week 13 Szreter 1993, Hodgson 1983, Lee and Feng 3-23
Week 14 Lee and Feng 63-99, 137-146, Ochiai 147-186

5. Bibliography


6. Homework:

1. Diagram your household as it has changed over time with yourself as the ego. Begin
when you were age 5, then age 10, age 15 and now. What type of household structure did it have at these various phases? What does this suggest about the family system of your family?

2. Various societies across the Eurasian continent have had female rulers in the past: Wu Chao in Tang dynasty China, Empress Koken in Nara period Japan, Queens Elizabeth and Victoria in England, as well as others. Pick one female ruler and explain how she came to power according to the rules of inheritance and succession in the family system of her society. What type of system was it? Was the society matriarchal or patriarchal? Was the system matrilineal, patrilineal or bilineal? What does the fact of a female ruler say about female power in that society?

3. Describe the difference between nuclear, stem and joint family systems. How do they differ in household structure? Marriage? Inheritance? How would matrilineality affect this structure? What advantages does each structure have? Which would you most like to live with?

4. Some scholars have argued that the Industrial Revolution took place in England, and Northwestern Europe was early to industrialize because of its family system. Why? What does the family system have to do with industrialization? What are some arguments against this hypothesis? What do you think?

5. There have been many changes in family practice and gender roles during the 20th century. Explain one way in which gender roles and the family changed. Why was this change necessary? What were some consequences of the change? What do you think of this change?
FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING COURSE

Department/School: Astronomy Date: September 22, 2005

Course No.: 201 Title: Introduction to Astronomy

Semester hours: 4 Clock hours: Lecture: 3 Laboratory: 3

Prerequisites: Eligibility to take Math 111 or Math 121

Enrollment expectation: 48

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

Modification: ASTR 201 course content and description change
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)

Substitute: 
(The proposed new course replaces a deleted course as a General Education or program requirement.)

Alternate: 
(The proposed new course can be taken as an alternate to an existing course.)

Name of person preparing course description: Jeannette M. Myers

Department Chairperson’s Signature: ________________________________

Provost's Signature: ________________________________

Date of Implementation: Fall 2006

Date of Department approval: September 21, 2005

Catalog description: 201 Introduction to Astronomy (4:3-3) (Prerequisite: Eligibility to take Math 111 or Math 121.) F, SU. A survey of astronomy, including historical observations and star maps; celestial motions of the sun, moon, planets and stars; electromagnetic radiation, including radiation laws and spectral classification; astronomical instruments and methods; the stars, including formation, evolution, properties, and types of stars; the universe, including the Milky Way Galaxy, other galaxies, theories of formation and evolution. The laboratory section for the class will include work at night in the FMU
Observatory.

Purpose:

1. **For whom?**

   This course is specifically for students interested in learning about the field of astronomy including a broad range of topics from celestial motions to the large-scale structure of the universe. With the large variety of topics covered in this class, it completes the general education requirement in Natural Sciences for the B.S. degree.

2. **What should the course do for the student?**

   Completion of this course will see students with a greater knowledge of astronomy including a greater understanding of the universe we live in. Through the laboratory component, the student will gain experience using a variety of telescopes at the FMU Observatory as well as experience using the latest software to simulate the day and night sky.

**Teaching method planned:**

1. Class Lectures (38 in total)
   a. Three lectures per week
   b. Topics are outlined below
2. Laboratory Sessions (11 in total)
   a. Computer based labs
   b. Observational labs
   c. Hands-on experiment labs
3. Written Assignments
   a. Nine homework projects
4. Final Exam
   a. Cumulative Final

   The following describes the use of the 43 Class Days:
   - 38 Days of full class lecture
   - 3 In class test days
   - 1 Bonus test/Class Survey day
   - 1 Exam Review

   Class lectures are divided into three sections to group relevant material together. After the completion of a section, an in class test is given which covers material for that section only. Laboratory classes highlight the material for each section and provide another source of material for the student’s study.

**Textbook and other materials/locations to be used:**
3. Starry Night Pro (software)
4. Dooley Planetarium
   a. Lecture Room
      i. Appropriate programs
      ii. Day/Night sky demonstrations
   b. Alternate Laboratory Room
5. FMU Observatory
   a. 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain
   b. 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain (3)
   c. 12-inch Dobsonian
   d. 8-inch Schmidt-Newtonian
   e. 5-inch Refractor
6. MSB 116, Computational Physics Laboratory
7. LSF L110, Modern Physics Laboratory

**Course Content:**
The course will cover (but not be limited to) the following outline of topics:

I. Celestial Motions
   A. Fundamental Motions
   B. Celestial Races
   C. Apparent Motions of the Sun
   D. Seasons
II. Scientific Method
   A. Science
   B. Scientific Approach
   C. Hypotheses
   D. Testing and Proving
   E. Theories and Models
   F. Scientific Laws
   G. Paradigms
   H. Doing Science
III. Scientific Revolution
   A. Geocentric vs. Heliocentric Models
   B. Key Figures in History
   C. Kepler’s Laws of Planetary Motion
   D. Newton’s Laws of Motion and Gravity
IV. Lunar Phases and Eclipses
   A. Celestial Motions
   B. Phases of the Moon
   C. Eclipses
   D. Solar Eclipses
   E. Lunar Eclipses
   F. Eclipse Seasons
V. Star Formation
   A. The ISM
   B. Molecular Clouds
   C. Self Gravity
D. Overall Picture of Star Formation
E. Protostar HR Diagram
F. Slow Contraction
G. The Influence of Mass
H. Triggers of Star Formation
I. Theory vs. Observations

VI. Stellar Evolution
A. Stellar Lifetimes
B. Main Sequence to Giants
C. Red Giants
D. Cepheid Variables

VII. Supernovae
A. Advanced Nuclear Burning
B. Nuclear Processes
C. Core Collapse
D. Degenerate Neutrons
E. Supernova
F. Nucleosynthesis
G. Types of Supernovae

VIII. White Dwarfs
A. Envelope Ejection
B. Planetary Nebulae
C. Chandrasekhar Limit

IX. Neutron Stars
A. Evolution in Binary Systems
B. Pulsars
C. Observed Masses
D. Evolution
E. X-ray Binaries

X. Black Holes
A. Stellar Evolution of Massive Stars
B. Surface Gravity
C. Looking for Black Holes
D. Views of Space
E. Event Horizon

XI. Telescopes
A. Optical Telescopes
B. Why Telescopes?
C. Space Astronomy

XII. Spectra
A. Atoms
B. Spectral Line Formation
C. Kirchhoff’s Laws
D. Doppler Shifts

XIII. Temperatures and Abundances
A. Actual Planck Curves
B. Photospheric Temperatures
C. Spectral Classes
D. Abundances

XIV. Distances to Stars
A. Apparent Magnitudes
B. Parallax
C. Inverse Square Law
D. Absolute Magnitudes
E. Luminosities
F. Stellar Lineup

XV. Distance Scale
A. The General Technique
B. Hubble’s Law

XVI. Masses of Stars
A. Periods and Velocities
B. Kepler’s Law
C. Relative Orbits
D. Center of Mass
E. Mass Calculation
F. Binary Systems
G. Mass-Luminosity Relation
H. Characteristics of Stars

XVII. The HR Diagram
A. Distribution on the HR Diagram
B. The Main Sequence
C. Radii of Stars
D. Radii Calculation

XVIII. The Milky Way Galaxy
A. The Overall Picture
B. Spiral Structure
C. Evolution of the MWG
D. The Mass of the MWG

XIX. Galaxies
A. The Island Universe Debate
B. Classification of Galaxies
C. Radio Galaxies
D. Quasars
E. cD Galaxies

XX. The Age of the Universe
A. The Hubble Flow
B. Expansion Age
C. The Hubble Constant

XXI. Cosmic Background Radiation
A. Significance of the CBR
B. Temperatures in the Universe

XXII. The Early Universe
A. Weak Force Reactions
B. Strong Force Reactions
C. Hydrogen and Helium Abundances
D. Brief History of the Universe

XXIII. Cosmology
A. Expansion
B. Density Parameter
C. Inflation: The Idea
D. Forces in Nature
E. Inflation: The Cause
F. Creation
G. History of the Universe
ASTRONOMY 201: Introduction to Astronomy
Syllabus for Fall 2006

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Texts:

Content: A survey of astronomy, including historical observations and star maps; celestial motions of the sun, moon, planets and stars; electromagnetic radiation, including radiation laws and spectral classification; astronomical instruments and methods; the stars, including formation, evolution, properties, and types of stars; the universe, including the Milky Way Galaxy, other galaxies, theories of formation and evolution. The laboratory section for the class will include work at night in the FMU Observatory.

Grading: Your final grade will be based on your 3 in class test grades, laboratory grade, final exam, and any extra credit you do. The breakdown is given below:

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Final Letter Grades will be determined by using the following table:

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B+ (minimum requirement) 83%
B  (minimum requirement) 79%
C+ (minimum requirement) 72%
C  (minimum requirement) 68%
D+ (minimum requirement) 60%
D  (minimum requirement) 57%
F  (minimum requirement) 0%

Letter grades will be assigned based on total class percentage. If at any time you would like an assessment of your standing in the class, your blackboard account will contain your grades on all laboratories, homework and laboratory assignments, and extra credit. Midterm grades will be made available online for those wishing to check their progress in the class.
Assignments: Several assignments will be given throughout the semester with firm deadlines posted on each one. These are to be done outside of class on your own. Work in groups will only be allowed in the laboratory sessions.

Observing: We will make use of the observatory during the semester for at least one laboratory session. You will be expected to dress appropriately for the weather. Any student dressed inappropriately will be sent home. High-heeled shoes will not be allowed under any circumstances. There are no public facilities at the Observatory, so bring your own drinks or snacks. The closest restrooms are located behind the Baseball stands and there is no telephone or Internet access at the observatory. For night observing, you will want to bring a flashlight (and even bug spray). Parking is available at the Observatory provided the ground is not water logged. I will announce in class if you will be permitted to park by the Observatory or not. Any student arriving after the designated start of lab will be required to park in Lot D and walk to the Observatory. Those on the Observatory Deck will not appreciate car lights, and use of high beams will result in your being asked to leave the area.

Test and Exam Policy: All tests and the final exam are closed note/book. No crib sheets or note cards will be allowed. Any student caught using such materials during the test or exam will have their test/exam confiscated and will automatically receive a failing grade in the Astronomy 201 course. Formal charges will be filed according to the policy outlined in your student handbook.
FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE

Department/School: Astronomy  Date: September 22, 2005

Course No.: 202  Title: **Voyage through the Solar System**

Semester hours: 4  Clock hours: Lecture: 3  Laboratory: 3

Prerequisites: Eligibility to take Math 111 or Math 121

Enrollment expectation: 48

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

**Modification:**
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)

**Substitute:**
(The proposed new course replaces a deleted course as a General Education or program requirement.)

**Alternate:**
(The proposed new course can be taken as an alternate to an existing course.)

Name of person preparing course description: Jeannette M. Myers

Department Chairperson’s Signature: ________________________________

Provost's Signature: ________________________________

Date of Implementation: Spring 2007

Date of Department approval: September 21, 2005

**Catalog description:** 202 Voyage through the Solar System (4:3-3) (Prerequisite: Eligibility to take Math 111 or Math 121) AS, SU. A survey of our Solar System, including formation models, orbital properties, and motions of its members; planetary features; asteroids, comets and meteors; comparisons of terrestrial to jovian planets; planetary atmospheres. The laboratory section for the class will include work at night in the FMU Observatory.

**Purpose:**

1. **For whom?**

This course is specifically for students interested in learning specifically about the solar system and the objects contained within. The topics covered in this class will allow it to complete the general education requirement in Natural Sciences for the B.S. degree. ASTR 202 taken along with ASTR 201 and 203 completes a collateral in astronomy. This will be beneficial for
students in the physics program interested in continued study in the field of physics or astronomy at the graduate level. Enrollment will also be
couraged for those in the education program who are interested in teaching science (especially at the middle school level).

2. What should the course do for the student?

Completion of this course will give students a greater knowledge of the solar system we live in, including an understanding of the star we call our Sun and details about each of the planets, moons and other minor bodies. Through the laboratory component, the student will gain experience using a variety of telescopes at the FMU Observatory as well as experience using the latest software to simulate the day and night sky.

Teaching method planned:

5. Class Lectures (36 in total)
   a. Three lectures per week
   b. Topics are outlined below
6. Laboratory Sessions (12 in total)
   a. Computer based labs
   b. Observational labs
   c. Hands-on experiment labs
7. Written Assignments
   a. Nine homework projects
8. Final Exam
   a. Cumulative Final

The following describes the use of the 41 Class Days:

36  Days of full class lecture
  3  In class test days
  1  Bonus test/Class Survey day
  2  Exam Review

Class lectures are divided into three sections to group relevant material together. After the completion of a section, an in class test is given which covers material for that section only. Laboratory classes highlight the material for each section and provide another source of material for the student’s study.

Textbook and other materials to be used:

10. Starry Night Pro (software)
11. NASA: 50 Years of Space Exploration (DVD)
12. National Geographic’s *Asteroids: Deadly Impact* (DVD)
13. Dooley Planetarium
   a. Lecture Room
   b. Alternate Laboratory Room
14. FMU Observatory
   a. 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain
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   e. 5-inch Refractor
15. MSB 116, Computational Physics Laboratory
16. MSB 119, Physics Laboratory

**Course Content:**

The course will cover (but not be limited to) the following outline of topics:

XXIV. The Sun
   A. Granulation
   B. Sunspots
   C. Solar Flares
   D. Interior Structure
   E. Energy Generation

XXV. Overview of the Planets
   A. Terrestrial vs. Jovian
   B. Structure of Earth
   C. Atmospheric Structure
   D. Structure of Jupiter
   E. Surface Features
   F. Earth’s Age
   G. RADAR Mapping
   H. The Space Program
      1. U.S.A.
      2. Soviet Program
      3. European Space Agency
      4. Other Countries

XXVI. Moon
   A. Geological Comparison of Earth and Moon
   B. Surface Features
   C. Apollo Space Program
   D. Types of Lunar Rocks
   E. Types of Craters
   F. Age of the Surface
   G. Geological History
   H. Origin of the Moon

XXVII. Mercury
   A. Surface Features
   B. Global Shrinkage of Mercury
   C. Ages of Surface Features
   D. Interior Structure
   E. Geological History
   F. Exploration of Mercury
XXVIII. Venus
   A. Atmosphere
   B. The Surface of Venus
   C. Interior Structure
   D. Exploration of Venus
      1. Surface
      2. Orbiting Space Probes

XXIX. Mars
   A. Atmosphere
   B. Surface Features
   C. Interior Structure
   D. Water on Mars
   E. Exploration of Mars
      1. Viking Missions
      2. Mars Pathfinder Mission
      3. Mars Exploration Rover Missions
      4. Failed Missions
      5. Orbiting Space Probes
      6. Future Missions

XXX. Jovian Planets
   A. Rotations and Tilts
   B. Colors
   C. Atmospheric Bands
   D. Storm Systems
   E. Interior Structures

XXXI. Jovian Moons
   A. Jovian Satellite System
   B. Moons of Saturn
   C. Moons of Uranus and Neptune
   D. Composition of Moons
   E. Types

XXXII. Planetary Ring Systems
   A. Rings of Saturn
   B. Jovian Rings
   C. Shepherding Moons
   D. Gravitational Resonance
   E. Roche Limit
   F. Formation of Rings

XXXIII. Pluto and Charon
   A. Origin of System
   B. Ice Dwarfs
   C. Early Solar System

XXXIV. Comets
   A. Nucleus
   B. Dirty Snowball Model
   C. Tails and Clouds
   D. Historical Comets

XXXV. Asteroids and Meteorites
   A. Kirkwood Gaps
   B. Sizes of Asteroids
   C. Classification of Asteroids
   D. Classification of Meteorites
   E. Ages of Meteorites
   F. Origin of Meteorites
   G. Impact Hazard

XXXVI. Formation of the Solar System
A. Star Formation
B. Characteristics of the Planets
C. Chemistry in the Solar Nebula
D. Planetary Accretion
ASTRONOMY 202: Voyage through the Solar System
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Franknoi, A., Morrison, D., & Wolff, S. Voyages to the Planets, 3rd Ed. Belmont:

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**Assignments:** Several assignments will be given throughout the semester with firm deadlines posted on each one. These are to be done outside of class on your own. Work in groups will only be allowed in the laboratory sessions.

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FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE

Department/School: Astronomy    Date: September 22, 2005
Course No.: 203    Title: Observational Astronomy
Semester hours: 4    Clock hours: Lecture: 2    Laboratory: 6
Prerequisites: Astronomy 201
Enrollment expectation: 10 (maximum due to equipment issues)
Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)
Modification: ___________
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)
Substitute: ___________
(The proposed new course replaces a deleted course as a General Education or program requirement.)
Alternate: ___________
(The proposed new course can be taken as an alternate to an existing course.)
Name of person preparing course description: Jeannette M. Myers
Department Chairperson’s Signature: ____________________________
Provost's Signature: _______________________________________
Date of Implementation: Spring 2008
Date of Department approval: September 21, 2005
Catalog description: Observational Astronomy (4:2-6) (Prerequisite: 201) AS. Introduction to observational astronomy, including telescope design and usage; star maps; constellation figures, bright members and deep sky objects. Attendance will be required each week for at least one night observing session in the FMU Observatory.

Purpose:
1. For whom?

This course is specifically for students interested in learning about the night sky and how to identify the stars and constellations. The structure of the course is such that it is a hands-on class with the students having the ability to learn to use four different styles of telescopes currently available in the market. This course along with ASTR 201 and 202 completes a collateral in astronomy. This will be beneficial for students
in the physics program interested in continued study in the field of physics or
astronomy at the graduate level. Enrollment will also be encouraged for those in the
education program who are interested in teaching science (especially at the middle
school level) and our non-traditional students.

2. **What should the course do for the student?**

Completion of this course will see students with a greater knowledge of the night
sky, including names of the bright stars, constellations and their meanings, and other
deep sky objects. This course gives students a hands-on course in astronomy. The
students will be exposed to four different styles of telescopes currently available in
the market to amateur astronomers and will learn the proper care and handling of
these instruments.

**Teaching method planned:**

9. **Class Lectures (24 in total)**
   a. Two lectures per week
   b. Topics are outlined below

10. **Evening Observing Sessions/Laboratories**
    a. Two semester long observing projects
    b. Laboratories designed to illustrate
       i. Telescope properties
       ii. Observational Software and Resources

11. **Quizzes**
    a. Four quizzes given in class
       i. Constellation Groups
       ii. Lecture Topics

12. **Written Assignments**
    a. Four homework projects

13. **Observing Assignments**
    a. Two semester long observing projects
       i. Binary Star Systems
       ii. Deep Sky Objects
    b. Required for Letter Grade Assignment

14. **Final Exam**
    a. Cumulative Final

**Textbook and other materials/locations to be used:**

17. Dickinson, T., Constanzo, V., and Chaple, G. *MAG 6 Star Atlas*. Tonawanda:
18. Star & Planet Locator (Edmund Scientific)
19. Starry Night Pro (software)
20. MSB 116, Computational Physics Laboratory
21. MSB 118, Physics Laboratory
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   a. 14-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain
   b. 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain (3)
   c. 12-inch Dobsonian
   d. 8-inch Schmidt-Newtonian
   e. 5-inch Refractor

Course Content:
The course will cover (but not be limited to) the following outline of topics:

XXXVII. Night Sky Appearance
   A. Earth
      1. North Pole, South Pole, Equator, Prime Meridian
      2. Directions on Earth
      3. Terrestrial Coordinates
         a) Longitude
         b) Latitude
   B. Celestial Sphere
      1. NCP, SCP, Celestial Equator
      2. Directions in the Sky
      3. Zenith, Nadir, Horizon
      4. Horizon Coordinates
         a) Altitude
         b) Azimuth
   C. Rotation Effects
      1. Diurnal Motion
      2. Star Trails
         a) Latitude Variations
         b) Directional Variations
      3. Equatorial Coordinates
         a) Right Ascension
         b) Declination
   D. Revolution Effects
      1. Ecliptic
         a) Vernal Equinox
         b) Summer Solstice
         c) Autumnal Equinox
         d) Winter Solstice
      2. Zodiac
      3. Precession
   E. Star Charts
      1. Coordinates
      2. Hour Circles
      3. Diurnal Circles
      4. Star Names
      5. Star Wheel

XXXVIII. Telescopes
   A. Telescope Mounts
      1. Alt-Az
      2. Equatorial
         a) Polar Axis
         b) Dec Axis
   B. Time
1. Hour Angle
2. Solar Time
   a) Standard Time
   b) Daylight Time
   c) Universal Time
3. Sidereal Time
   a) Calculation
   b) Estimation
   c) Star Wheel
   d) Setting Circles
C. Telescope Optics
   1. Lenses
      a) Converging
      b) Diverging
   2. Mirrors
      a) Concave
      b) Convex
   3. Objective
   4. Eyepiece
      a) Filter Usage
D. Telescope Powers
   1. Light-gathering Power
   2. Magnifying Power
   3. Resolving Power
      a) Dawes Limit
E. Telescope/Camera Properties
   1. Aperture
   2. Focal Length
   3. Photographic Speed
   4. Lens Specifications
   5. Telescope Specifications
F. Astrophotography
   1. Shutter Speed
   2. f-stop
   3. Film Speed
   4. Image Size
   5. Star Trails
G. Telescope Applications
   1. Effects of Focal Length (f) & Aperture (D) on Viewing
   2. Focal Length Modifiers
H. Telescope Designs
   1. Newtonian
   2. Cassegrain
   3. Refractor
   4. Schmidt-Cassegrain
XXXIX. Observing the Moon
A. Phases
   1. Rise/Set Times
   2. Rise/Set Directions
B. Position in the Zodiac
C. Lunar Photography
D. Identification of Surface Features
   1. Maria
   2. Highlands
   3. Craters
   4. Landing Sites
XL. Observing the Planets
   A. Configurations of Inferior Planets
      1. Inferior Conjunction
      2. Superior Conjunction
      3. Greatest Eastern Elongation
      4. Greatest Western Elongation
   B. Configurations of Superior Planets
      1. Conjunction
      2. Opposition
      3. Eastern Quadrature
      4. Western Quadrature
   C. Synodic Periods
   D. Ecliptic Coordinates
      1. Celestial Longitude
      2. Celestial Latitude
   E. Position in the Zodiac
   F. Graphic Time Tables
   G. Planet Photography

XLI. Constellations
   A. Characteristics
      1. Name
         a) Meaning
         b) Historical Background
      2. Standard Abbreviation
      3. Bright Stars
         a) Names and Meanings
         b) Order of Brightness
      4. Pattern
      5. Deep Sky Objects
   B. Constellation Groups
      1. Spring Constellations
      2. Summer Constellations
      3. Autumnal Constellations
      4. Winter Constellations
   C. Global Constellation Map
ASTRONOMY 203: Observational Astronomy  
Syllabus for Spring 2008

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Texts and Other Materials:
Star & Planet Locator (Edmund Scientific)

Content: Introduction to observational astronomy, including telescope design and usage; star maps; constellation figures, bright members and deep sky objects. Attendance will be required each week for at least one night observing session in the FMU Observatory.

Grading: The grading will be on a point system, with the following point values assigned:

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Final Letter Grades will be determined by using the following table:

- **A** (minimum requirement) about **410** points (82%) AND at least **40** observing points
- **B+** (minimum requirement) about **383** points (77%) AND at least **32** observing points
- **B** (minimum requirement) about **370** points (74%) AND at least **25** observing points
- **C+** (minimum requirement) about **343** points (69%) AND at least **17** observing points
- **C** (minimum requirement) about **330** points (66%) AND at least **10** observing points
- **D+** (minimum requirement) about **303** points (61%) AND at least **2** observing points
- **D** (minimum requirement) about **285** points (57%) AND at least **0** observing points
- **F** (minimum requirement) about **0** points (0%) AND at least **0** observing points

Letter grades will be assigned based on your total point distribution. If at any time you would like an assessment of your standing in the class, your blackboard account will contain an updated point total.

Assignments: Several assignments will be given throughout the semester. Two will be long term observing projects that will be completed at the FMU Observatory. These observing
projects will be required for the assignment of letter grades as outlined above and are individual projects. Additional laboratories will be conducted to help illustrate topics covered in the class lecture as well as to demonstrate the available astronomy software for the amateur. Written assignments will be handed out as well, with firm deadlines posted on each one. These are to be done outside of class on your own. Work in groups will only be allowed in the additional laboratories.

**Quizzes:** Four quizzes will be given during the semester. Each quiz will cover a particular set of constellations and lecture topics. They will be given in class as a means of assessing your knowledge of the night sky. For each constellation, you should be familiar with:

- Name and Abbreviation
- Appearance and Shape
- Position in the Sky
- Bright Star Names (and meanings)
- Deep Sky Objects

**Observing:** This is a four-credit course with only two lecture times each week. The other scheduled class times will be at the FMU Observatory or alternate location. The first weeks of the semester will be using the alternate locations as we wait for the weather to warm to above freezing conditions at night. You will be required to attend at least one observing session per week. Observing sessions will be held MTWTh (and possibly F and Sa) as the weather permits. Clear nights cannot be predicted far into the future and all possible observing sessions should be taken advantage of to ensure enough observing points have been obtained.

You will be expected to dress appropriately for the weather. Any student dressed inappropriately will be sent home. High-heeled shoes will not be allowed under any circumstances. There are no public facilities at the Observatory, so bring your own drinks or snacks. The closest restrooms are located behind the Baseball stands and there is no telephone or Internet access at the observatory. For night observing, you will want to bring a flashlight (and even bug spray). Parking is available at the Observatory provided the ground is not water logged. I will announce in class if you will be permitted to park by the Observatory or not. Any student arriving after the designated start of lab will be required to park in Lot D and walk to the Observatory. Those on the Observatory Deck will not appreciate car lights, and use of high beams will result in your being asked to leave the area.
MODIFY the course description of Sociology 306, Modern Social Problems FROM:

Critical review of problems resulting from social inequality (distribution of wealth, racial and ethnic relations, sexism, health care), violations of social norms (substance abuse, violence, property crime), social change (population growth, food, urbanization, environment).

TO:

Critical review of problems resulting from social inequality (distribution of wealth, racial and ethnic relations, gender relations, sexism, health care), violations of social norms (substance abuse, violence, property crime), social change (population growth, food, urbanization, environment).
Purpose: 1. For Whom (generally?)

This course is designed for students who want to develop a better understanding of major social issues facing the US and the world, including issues of poverty, race/ethnicity, class, and gender, and for those possibly pursuing careers in the social and human services.

2. What should the course do for the student?

This course (a) addresses how social problems are defined, created, and managed by society and its institutions; (b) demonstrates how social problems are dynamic (changing) phenomena; (c) shows how social problems differentially impact racial/ethnic, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, and nationality groups; (d) demonstrate how to design a research study of a social problem; (e) further develop and apply research skills that students have obtained from previous research courses; and (f) further develop students’ oral communication (presentation) skills.

Teaching method planned: Lecture and discussion; student projects and presentations

Textbook and/or materials planned (including electronic/multimedia):

Eitzen, Stanley and Maxine Baca Zinn. Social Problems

Course Content:

Sociological approach to social problems
Trends in, explanations for, implications of, and policies regarding:
  Wealth and power: bias of the system
  World population and global inequality
  Threats to the environment
  Demographic changes in the US: Browning and Graying of society
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  Poverty
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  Crime and justice
  Work
  Families
  Health care
  National security
How to conduct research on social problems
Data and scholarly sources of information on social problems
SO CI 306: Social Problems
Spring 2007

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Textbooks

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Other materials will be handed out in class as needed.

Course Prerequisites

A passing grade in SOCI 201.

Course Description

Using a conflict perspective, this course examines how society defines what is a social problem and the problems that occur. In particular, this course will focus upon issues of inequality (poverty, political power, environmental quality, and personal safety) and discrimination (by race/ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, and disability). Explanations for these problems and their possible solutions will also be discussed.

Warning: At times, this course will address sensitive and controversial topics. Anyone engaging in behavior inappropriate to a classroom setting will be asked to leave or else be escorted from the classroom by campus security. Inappropriate behavior includes hateful and disparaging remarks.

The course format will be a combination of lecture and discussion, with several in-class written examinations, presentations, and a research project.

Course Objectives

This course makes several contributions to the Sociology and the Gender Studies (forthcoming) programs. The goals of this course are to:
1. Address how social problems are defined, created, and managed by society and its institutions
2. Demonstrate how social problems are dynamic (changing) phenomena
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5. Further develop and apply research skills that students have obtained from previous research courses
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assigned to improve your exam scores. Grades of Incomplete will NOT be assigned. Each exam is worth 18 percent of your final grade, with all 4 exams together counting for 72 percent of the final course grade.

**Project:**

Each student will be required to conduct, separately, an original research project of his/her own. (No group work.) This project has 7 parts to it: (1) a hypothesis/research question; (2) an introduction; (3) a literature review/theory section; (4) data, methods, and analysis discussion; (5) results/findings component; (6) interpretation of results; and (7) conclusion section. This information will then be used to give a poster presentation and a 10 minute talk to the class about your research. The breakdown of project points are as follows:

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Project topics/hypotheses must be submitted to me for approval by February 15. If I have not approved your project topic, you will NOT receive any credit for your project. The project will count for 28 percent of your final grade and the project is due on April 10 during class time. (I will store the posters until a person’s presentation day). Late projects will NOT be accepted.

Below is a diagram demonstrating how to assemble the project’s poster, with a brief description of each Project item/piece.

Poster Board Layout

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Introduction – 1 paragraph</th>
<th>Topic/Research Question – Findings – ½ to 2 pages (output from SPSS)</th>
<th>Interpretation of Findings—½ to 1 page</th>
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<td>Conclusion –</td>
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| Data and Methods –  
1 page (maybe another if using questionnaire) | ½ to 1 page |

Description of project parts

Introduction – names topic, provides justification for study

Literature Review – contains major theories used to explain topic and major findings of previous research, as well as hypotheses

Data and Methods – names the data source, sample, variables used (including designation of dependent and independent variables), variable measurement or operationalization, and statistical technique to be used

Findings – contain all pertinent statistical results from analyses

Interpretation of Findings – provide explanation of what the results show, both statistically and in terms of hypotheses support/lack of support

Conclusion – overall summary and limitations of study and directions for future research

Place list of references (at least 10) on the back of the poster board

For the literature review, you should follow the format of the American Sociological Association (see “ASA Style Guide” portion of this syllabus) for citations and references. The review should be typed using margins of 1.25 inches, with a font size no larger than 12, and should be 1 to 3 pages long. You should use and cite at least 10 references. Posters lacking citations and a reference page will automatically lose 20 points. You can use information from the Internet for your project, but do NOT use encyclopedias or dictionaries as your references.

The project’s sample size should be at least 45 cases (such as 46 counties in SC, 50 states in US, 75 cities across the US, or 50 individuals surveyed) and you should perform a multivariate analysis (5 or more variables) on the data (such as regression or multilevel crosstabs or multiple t-tests of means). Posters displaying only graphs or having less than 45 cases in the sample will automatically lose 35 points. Results for all analyses
performed should be included on the poster.

**Posters not clearly naming the data source, sample, variables used, and/or analysis performed in the Data/Methods section will also lose major points.** It is your responsibility to ensure all pertinent/required information is included and clearly labeled on your poster. I will not play “mental gymnastics” to figure out what you did for your project, nor inquire why something is missing from the poster. I will just deduct the points if something is missing or unclear.

I have allocated class meetings to show how to do research, such as picking a topic, looking for data, and how to do data analyses using SPSS (See “Tentative Course Schedule” for dates). It is your responsibility, however, to seek additional help from me if you have questions about what/how to do parts of the project.

Poster boards (the 3 piece, fold-out, cardboard type) are available at Walmart SuperCenters, Office Depot, Office Max, and Staples for less than $12. **Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your board** because the public schools also use these for science fair projects. **Power Point presentations, written papers, or other means of display will NOT be accepted as substitutes for the poster board.**

**4 Additional Warnings!!!!**

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO BEGIN WORKING – YOU WILL BE OVERWHELMED, PRODUCE JUNK, AND EARN A GRADE OF “F.”

DO NOT PLAGIARIZE (STEAL) SOMEONE ELSE’S RESEARCH (off of an Internet site, out of a journal, etc.) because I will give you a ZERO for the project.

NO DOUBLE SUBMISSIONS ARE ALLOWED (you can’t use the same exact project for this and another class, whether in poster or paper format.). Those “doubly submitting” work will receive a grade of ZERO for the project.

PROJECTS WITHOUT HSRB APPROVAL WILL RECEIVE A ZERO. For those who wish to use data collected from obtrusive methods (survey, interview, or observation), you will need to seek Human Subjects Review Board approval. (HSRB wants to make sure that your research will not cause harm to anyone involved, including yourself—i.e. lawsuit protection.) HSRB proposals are reviewed a couple of times a semester, but don’t assume you can obtain approval on short-notice. This applies only to projects using observational or survey data collection methods (and not to those using secondary data and/or content analysis).

Presentation:

Near the end of the semester, each researcher will produce a poster for display that summarizes the topic, literature, data collection method, and findings of their research. Each
person will also give a 10 minute presentation to the class on their research (you can use the poster as a prop, if you like) describing the topic, literature, etc. as well as the surprises (and of course, problems) you encountered while conducting the research. In other words, talk about your research as well as your experiences as a researcher.

A sign-up sheet of presentation dates will be circulated in class in late March/early April. There will be NO make-ups for the class presentation.

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken during each class meeting. It is your responsibility to make sure you sign the attendance sheet. For those students who miss less than 5 classes AND have an average course assignment grade of 60+, an extra half letter grade will be added to their final course grades (a B+ becomes an A).

Attendance, while not mandatory and your responsibility alone, has many benefits: higher exam scores, regular opportunities to ask for help on the project, being informed about what occurred in class, and a chance for me to mention it in employment and/or graduate school recommendation letters.

If you need to drop this course, it is your responsibility to secure a Withdrawal form, complete it, and turn it into the Registrar’s office. To just simply stop attending class will NOT get you removed from the course’s enrollment/grade list. This professor does NOT drop students from the course.

Course Grades

Final course grades will be based upon the weighted average of your exam, project, and presentation grades, as well as your class attendance. Final course letter grades will be assigned as follows:

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A &= 90 - 100 \\
B+ &= 86 - 89 \\
B &= 80 - 85 \\
C+ &= 76 - 79 \\
C &= 70 - 75 \\
D+ &= 66 - 69 \\
D &= 60 - 65 \\
F &= 59 \text{ and less}
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Final course grades will not be curved. Grades of Incomplete will not be assigned (See Academic Calendar at [http://www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu) website or in Schedule of Courses for drop dates).

Tentative Course Schedule
Below is a tentative schedule of dates and the topics/readings covered that day in class.

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Sources/References for Course Lectures
Eitzen and Baca Zinn textbook

Various journal articles

Various web sites
FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE or MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING COURSE

Department/School  Psychology and Sociology  Date  9/21/05

Course No. or level  331  Title  Environment, Power, and Opportunity

Semester hours  3  Clock hours:  Lecture  yes  Laboratory  no

Prerequisites  SOC 201 Principles of Sociology

Enrollment expectation  25 per section, with usually 2 sections

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

modification  proposed change in course’s catalog description
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)

substitute
(The proposed new course replaces a deleted course as a General Education or program requirement.)

alternate
(The proposed new course can be taken as an alternate to an existing course.)

Name of person preparing course description  Lisa A. Eargle

Department Chairperson’s/Dean's Signature

Provost's Signature

Date of Implementation  Spring 2006

Date of School/Department approval  9/22/05

Catalog description:

**MODIFY** the course description of Sociology 331, Environment, Power, and Opportunity **FROM:**

An introduction to the study of the relationship between human society and the physical environment, with an emphasis on the relationships among population growth, economic development, systems of inequality, and control and use of the natural environment. Local, regional, and global approaches will be used to understand environmental issues.

**TO:**
An introduction to the study of the relationship between human society and the physical environment, with an emphasis on the relationships among population growth, economic development, systems of inequality, and control and use of the natural environment. Local, regional, and global approaches will be used to understand environmental issues. An emphasis is placed on how environmental resources (kind, amount, and quality) varies by race/ethnicity, gender, class, and nationality and the different responses that these groups have to environmental problems/issues.

Purpose:

1. For Whom (generally?)

The course is designed for those students who have interests in the environment (whether it be career or volunteer work related) and issues of racism, gender and class discrimination, and economic development and growth.

2. What should the course do for the student?

The course will provide students with understandings of how perspectives toward the natural environment are socially constructed; how those perspectives shape interaction with the environment, what phenomena we define as environmental problems, and how we study those problems. The ways in which structured inequality, especially based upon racial/ethnic, gender, and social class differences, are manifested in the control and the use of the environment will be central concerns.

Teaching method planned: Lecture and discussion; student projects and presentations

Textbook and/or materials planned (including electronic-multimedia):


Course Content:

Environmental Thought and Theories
Beliefs about the environment
History of environmental sociology
Social theories about the society-environment relationship

Conducting Environmental Research
Research process and procedure
Environmental data sources and analysis

Resources: Distribution, Change, and Consequences
Food and water sources
Air and energy sources
Contaminant hazards, risks, and exposure
Consequences of exposure by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, and nationality

Responses: Institutional, Organizational, Group, and Individual

Public opinion and attitudes by race, class, gender, education, age, and political affiliation

Addressing environmental inequities: social movements by race, class, gender, nationality

Changing economies
Changing politics
New technologies

Future Environmental Sustainability

Attaining goals for sustainable and equitable development
SOCI 331: Environment, Power and Opportunity
Spring 2006

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Textbooks


Other materials will be handed out in class as needed.

Course Prerequisites
A passing grade in SOCI 201.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of environmental issues and problems. We will examine (1) the different viewpoints on what the environment is and how should be treated/used; (2) different theories on the society-environment relationship; (3) how to study environmental issues; (4) how the distribution of environmental resources and contaminants varies by social groups (race, class, gender, age, nationality); (5) how these groups have responded to environmental inequity/justice issues; and (6) the role of politics, economics, and technology in environmental decisions making and change.

The course format will be a combination of lecture and discussion, with several in-class written examinations, presentations, and a research project.

Course Objectives

This course makes several contributions to the Sociology and the Gender Studies (forthcoming) programs. The goals of this course are to:

Demonstrate the connections social processes, social relations, and the environment.
Demonstrate the contributions of the three major perspectives in Sociology (Functionalist, Conflict, and Symbolic Interactionist) to studying and understanding environmental phenomena
Highlight environmental inequities and impacts faced by different racial/ethnic, gender,
class, age, and nationality groups
4. Discuss attitudes of and responses by different racial/ethnic, gender, class, age, nationalities to environmental inequities
5. Demonstrate how the environment is a dynamic phenomenon.
6. Demonstrate how to design a research study of environmental phenomena.

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8. Further develop students’ oral communication (presentation) skills.

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exam is worth 18 percent of your final grade, with all 4 exams together counting for 72 percent of the final course grade.

Project:

Each student will be required to conduct, separately, an original research project of his/her own. (No group work.) This project has 7 parts to it: (1) a hypothesis/research question; (2) an introduction; (3) a literature review/theory section; (4) data, methods, and analysis discussion; (5) results/findings component; (6) interpretation of results; and (7) conclusion section. This information will then be used to give a poster presentation and a 10 minute talk to the class about your research. The breakdown of project points are as follows:

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TOTAL = 100 points, for 28% of course grade

Project topics/hypotheses must be submitted to me for approval by February 16. If I have not approved your project topic, you will NOT receive any credit for your project. The project will count for 28 percent of your final grade and the project is due on April 11 during class time. (I will store the posters until a person’s presentation day). Late projects will NOT be accepted.

Below is a diagram demonstrating how to assemble the project’s poster, with a brief description of each Project item/piece.

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Description of project parts

Introduction – names topic, provides justification for study

Literature Review – contains major theories used to explain topic and major findings of previous research, as well as hypotheses

Data and Methods – names the data source, sample, variables used (including designation of dependent and independent variables), variable measurement or operationalization, and statistical technique to be used

Findings – contain all pertinent statistical results from analyses

Interpretation of Findings – provide explanation of what the results show, both statistically and in terms of hypotheses support/lack of support

Conclusion – overall summary and limitations of study and directions for future research

Place list of references (at least 10) on the back of the poster board

For the literature review, you should follow the format of the American Sociological Association (see “ASA Style Guide” portion of this syllabus) for citations and references. The review should be typed using margins of 1.25 inches, with a font size no larger than 12, and should be 1 to 3 pages long. You should use and cite at least 10 references. **Posters lacking citations and a reference page will automatically lose 20 points.** You can use information from the Internet for your project, but do NOT use encyclopedias or dictionaries as your references.

The project’s sample size should be at least 45 cases (such as 46 counties in SC, 50 states in US, 75 cities across the US, or 50 individuals surveyed) and you should perform a multivariate analysis (5 or more variables) on the data (such as regression or multilevel crosstabs or multiple t-tests of means). **Posters displaying only graphs or having less than 45 cases in the sample will automatically lose 35 points.** Results for all analyses performed should be included on the poster.

**Posters not clearly naming the data source, sample, variables used, and/or analysis performed in the Data/Methods section will also lose major points.** It is your responsibility to ensure all pertinent/required information is included and clearly labeled on your poster. I will not play “mental gymnastics” to figure out what you did for your project, nor inquire why something is missing from the poster. I will just deduct the points if something is missing or unclear.
I have allocated class meetings to show how to do research, such as picking a topic, looking for data, and how to do data analyses using SPSS (See “Tentative Course Schedule” for dates). It is your responsibility, however, to seek additional help from me if you have questions about what/how to do parts of the project.

Poster boards (the 3 piece, fold-out, cardboard type) are available at Walmart SuperCenters, Office Depot, Office Max, and Staples for less than $12. **Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your board** because the public schools also use these for science fair projects. **Power Point presentations, written papers, or other means of display will NOT be accepted as substitutes for the poster board.**

**4 Additional Warnings!!!!**

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO BEGIN WORKING – YOU WILL BE OVERWHELMED, PRODUCE JUNK, AND EARN A GRADE OF “F.”

DO NOT PLAGIARIZE (STEAL) SOMEONE ELSE’S RESEARCH (off of an Internet site, out of a journal, etc.) because I will give you a ZERO for the project.

NO DOUBLE SUBMISSIONS ARE ALLOWED (you can’t use the same exact project for this and another class, whether in poster or paper format.). Those “doubly submitting” work will receive a grade of ZERO for the project.

PROJECTS WITHOUT HSRB APPROVAL WILL RECEIVE A ZERO. For those who wish to use data collected from obtrusive methods (survey, interview, or observation), you will need to seek Human Subjects Review Board approval. (HSRB wants to make sure that your research will not cause harm to anyone involved, including yourself –i.e. lawsuit protection.) HSRB proposals are reviewed a couple of times a semester, but don’t assume you can obtain approval on short-notice. This applies only to projects using observational or survey data collection methods (and not to those using secondary data and/or content analysis).

Presentation:

Near the end of the semester, each researcher will produce a poster for display that summarizes the topic, literature, data collection method, and findings of their research. Each person will also give a 10 minute presentation to the class on their research (you can use the poster as a prop, if you like) describing the topic, literature, etc. as well as the surprises (and of course, problems) you encountered while conducting the research. In other words, talk about your research as well as your experiences as a researcher.

A sign-up sheet of presentation dates will be circulated in class in late March/early April. There will be NO make-ups for the class presentation.

Attendance:
Attendance will be taken during each class meeting. It is your responsibility to make sure you sign the attendance sheet. For those students who miss less than 5 classes AND have an average course assignment grade of 60+, an extra half letter grade will be added to their final course grades (a B+ becomes an A).

Attendance, while not mandatory and your responsibility alone, has many benefits: higher exam scores, regular opportunities to ask for help on the project, being informed about what occurred in class, and a chance for me to mention it in employment and/or graduate school recommendation letters.

If you need to drop this course, it is your responsibility to secure a Withdrawal form, complete it, and turn it into the Registrar’s office. To just simply stop attending class will NOT get you removed from the course’s enrollment/grade list. This professor does NOT drop students from the course.

Course Grades

Final course grades will be based upon the weighted average of your exam, project, and presentation grades, as well as your class attendance. Final course letter grades will be assigned as follows:

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\begin{align*}
A &= 90 - 100 \\
B+ &= 86 - 89 \\
B &= 80 - 85 \\
C+ &= 76 - 79 \\
C &= 70 - 75 \\
D+ &= 66 - 69 \\
D &= 60 - 65 \\
F &= 59 \text{ and less}
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Final course grades will not be curved. Grades of Incomplete will not be assigned (See Academic Calendar at http://www.fmarion.edu website or in Schedule of Courses for drop dates).

Tentative Course Schedule

Below is a tentative schedule of dates and the topics/readings covered that day in class.

\[\begin{array}{ll}
\text{Date} & \text{Topic} \\
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1/10 & \text{Syllabus} \\
1/12 & \text{Overview of environmental problems} \\
1/17 & \text{Beliefs about the environment} \\
1/19 & \text{History of environmental sociology} \\
1/24 & \text{Social theories about the society-environment relationship} \\
1/26 & \text{Social theories continued} \\
1/31 & \text{Review for Exam 1}
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2/2    Exam 1

Part 2: Conducting Environmental Research
2/7    Research process and procedure
2/9    Environmental data sources and analysis

Part 3: Resources: Distribution, Change, and Consequences
2/14   Food and water sources
2/16   Air and energy sources
2/21   Contaminant hazards, risks, and exposure
2/23   Consequences of exposure by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, and nationality
2/28   Review for Exam 2
3/2    Exam 2

Part 4: Responses: Institutional, Organizational, Group, and Individual
3/14   Public opinion and attitudes by race, class, gender, education, age, and political affiliation
3/16   Addressing environmental inequities: social movements by race, class, gender, nationality
3/21   Changing economies
3/23   Changing politics
3/28   New technologies
3/30   MSS conference – No class
4/4    Review for Exam 3
4/6    Exam 3

Part 5: Future Environmental Sustainability
4/11   Attaining goals for sustainable and equitable development; Project presentations
4/13   Indicators and measures of sustainability; Project presentations
4/18   Project presentations
4/20   Project presentations; Review for Final Exam

TBA    Final Exam

Sources/References for Course Lectures

Harper textbook; Frey textbook; Bell, Michael. Invitation to Environmental Sociology. Bullard, Robert. Dumping in Dixie.; EPA website; assorted journal articles
FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE or MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING COURSE

Department/School: Department of Psychology & Sociology  Date: 09/22/05

Course No. or level: SOC 381  Title: Sociology of Sport

Semester hours: 3  Clock hours: Lecture X Laboratory

Prerequisites: Sociology 201 or permission of the department

Enrollment expectation: 25

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

Modification: proposed change in course description
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)

Name of person preparing course description: Rusty Ward

Department Chairperson’s/Dean's Signature:

Provost's Signature:

Date of Implementation: Spring 2006

Date of School/Department approval: 09/22/05

Catalog description:

**MODIFY** the course description of Sociology 381, Sociology of Sport **FROM:**

Uses various social theories to examine how sports are tied to the following major spheres of social life: family, economy, media, politics, education, and region.

**TO:**

Scientific study of sports to better understand how they are practiced and what those practices mean. Using various theoretical approaches, we focus on topics as they relate to sports such as: identity, ideology, children, gender, race and ethnicity, the media, economics, politics, globalization, drugs and violence.

Purpose:
1. For Whom (generally?)

The modification to the course description is proposed to welcome students interested in Gender Studies. Also, this course is for students with an academic interest in sports or those
who seek careers in sports (e.g., coaching, sports journalism, etc.); one of the courses that sociology majors can take to satisfy requirements in the general track of sociology.

What should the course do for the student?
Students will (1) learn to use the tools to think critically about sports in society; (2) understand sports in terms that go beyond performance statistics and competitive outcomes and deal with issues of power and power relations in society; (3) develop an awareness of how sports and sport participation impact the lives of individual men and women and groups in society; and (4) learn what is needed to make informed choices about sports and sport participation in connection with our lives and the lives of others in our families and communities.

Teaching method planned: Lecture and Discussion

Textbook and/or materials planned (including electronic/multimedia):


Course Content:
Introduce why some sociologists think sports are important, and discuss the criteria used to determine whether an activity is considered a sport.

Describe the various theoretical approaches (functionalist, conflict, interactionist, critical, feminist, and figurational) used to help us study sports in society.

Discuss how sports have varied by time and place, from Ancient Greece to the present.

Explain how people become involved in sports, stay involved, and what happens to people when they end their participation in sports.

 Debate whether organized programs for children are worth the effort.

Propose the question of whether deviance in sports is out of control.

Describe violence in sports through history, player violence, and spectator violence.

Discuss whether sports are organized in a way that provides equal opportunities and benefits for men and women.

Describe sports participation among racial and ethnic minorities in the United States
Introduce issues of money and power in sports, in particular, social class and sports participation patterns.

Explain how commercialization has changed sports.

Discuss how sports depend on the media, and how the media depend on sports.

Discuss how sports depend on the government, and how government depends on sports.

Present arguments for and against sports in high school and college.

Describe the similarities and differences between sports and religion.

Pose the question of what we can expect from sports in the future.
COURSE TITLE/NUMBER: SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT 381HH-4

Semester: Fall 2004
Class Schedule: 12:45–2:00 TTH
Building/Room: CEMC 241
Instructor: Russell (Rusty) E. Ward, Jr., Ph.D.
Office: Founders Hall 242
Phone: 661-4632
Email: rward@fmarion.edu

Office Hours: 10:30-11:30 Monday through Friday, or by appointment

Course description: Sociology of sports is a course where we attempt to critically analyze sports to better understand how they are practiced and what those practices mean. Using various theoretical approaches, we focus on topics as they relate to sports such as: identity, ideology, children, gender, race and ethnicity, the media, economics, politics, globalization, drugs and violence.

Course goal: The goal of this course is to reflect on five questions related to sports:

Why are certain physical activities selected and designated as sports?
How do sports and sport participation affect our lives?
How do sports impact our ideas about masculinity, femininity, class inequality, race and ethnicity, work, fun, achievement, competition, individualism, aggression and violence?
How are the organization and meaning of sports connected with social relations in groups, communities, & societies?
How are sports connected with important social institutions (such as education, politics, economics, media, & religion).

Course objectives: The objectives of the course are the following:

Learn to use the tools to think critically about sports in society.
Understand sports in terms that go beyond performance statistics and competitive outcomes and deal with issues of power and power relations in society.
Develop an awareness of how sports and sport participation impact the lives of individual men and women and groups in society.
Learn what is needed to make informed choices about sports and sport participation in connection with our lives and the lives of others in our families and communities.

Requirements: Class attendance will be based on the university’s attendance policy (if a student is absent more than twice the number of required class or lab sessions per week during the regular semester, the instructor has the option to assign a grade of F or W).

In regard to class attendance, be aware of two more things. First, there appears to be a correlation between attendance and academic performance in my courses. Those students who miss class frequently tend to be students who earn C’s, D’s, and F’s. Those who rarely miss class tend to be the students who earn A’s and B’s. Second, students whose total points are “on the line” (i.e., 1 percentage point away from cut-off point) are rewarded for a consistent pattern of offering comments in class that relate to the readings and generate discussion. This opportunity implies the need for perfect, or near perfect class attendance. Please note there is no extra-credit. Please bring your textbook to each class session.

Grades will be based on your performance in the following four areas: (1) completion of 16 student discussion worksheets; (2) submission of 6 research paper assignments; (3) submission of research paper; and (4) classroom presentation of research paper. There is no final exam for the course. Graded research papers and classroom presentation grades will be handed to students on Monday, December 13 (8:30 to 10:30 a.m.).

Grading scale: Each component of the course carries the following weight:

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Details of Requirements:

Student discussion worksheets: There are 16 discussion worksheets that you are assigned to complete. Each worksheet corresponds to a chapter from the Coakley book. In your answers to questions on the worksheets, you are asked to use the book as a starting point. But then go beyond that material by including your thoughts in the form of analysis, critique, and examples. Grades will be based on my assessment of your grasp of the course material and the extent to which you have thought about and learned from that material. Each worksheet is worth a maximum of 10 points (160 points total). Worksheets for each chapter are due in class on the date the chapter is assigned. If chapters from the Eitzen book are assigned on the date the Coakley chapter is due, type two questions on the worksheet for each assigned chapter from Eitzen. You do not need to write the answers to the questions, but be prepared to discuss the answers in class. No credit is given for worksheets that are not completed before class. Answers to questions from the worksheets must be typed.

Answers can be typed on line, and printed from your computer screen. Worksheets can be

Research paper assignments: In each of the 6 short developmental assignments, I ask that you produce part of your research paper and I will provide feedback on these assignments. These assignments will not be graded. If you turn in all 6 assignments, you will receive 40 points toward your final grade. Failure to turn in one or more of these assignments will result in a loss of these 40 points. Details and due dates for these assignments are listed on a separate handout. These assignments will not be accepted late nor can they be made up.

Research paper: The purpose of this paper is to encourage you to explore sociological questions in detail and to help you discover the practical value and complexity of conducting social research. There are 13 topics from which you may choose to complete the paper. Each topic requires that you go out into the community to observe and/or collect information in a variety of specified settings. The topics and further details for the paper are found in a separate handout. Guidelines for writing and organizing the research paper appear toward the end of this syllabus. The paper is worth 100 points.

Presentation of research paper: You are assigned to present the findings and observations of your research to the class. Guidelines for the classroom presentation appear at the end of this syllabus. The presentation is worth 100 points.

NOTE: You are expected to show up for tests during the scheduled time and turn all work in on time. If for some reason (e.g., the outbreak of World War III, alien abduction, personally bearing triplets, etc.) you are unable to take a scheduled test or meet a deadline, please discuss this matter with me BEFORE (not the day) the test is scheduled or the project is due. The instructor does not guarantee that missed tests or uncompleted projects can be made up.

Standards of Conduct: If you have not already done so, please refer to the Student Handbook for descriptions of your rights and responsibilities at Francis Marion. Please read it carefully! See me if you have any questions.
# Course Calendar

***I try to stick with this schedule, but reserve the right to make changes***

***Please read the chapter before the day it is assigned***

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<td>Thurs. 9/23</td>
<td>Read chapter 6 (Deviance and sports) in Coakley</td>
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“Eighty percent of success is showing up.” – Woody Allen

**Week Six**

| Tues. 9/28 | Read chapter 7 (Violence in sports) in Coakley |
|            | Read chapters 16, 19, 33, 34, and 35 in Eitzen |
| Thurs. 9/30| Read chapter 8 (Gender and sports) in Coakley  |
|            | Read chapters 29, 30, 31, and 32 in Eitzen      |

**Week Seven**

| Tues. 10/5 | Read chapter 9 (Race and sports) in Coakley     |
|            | Read chapters 26, 27, and 28 in Eitzen           |
| Thurs. 10/7|                                               |
Week Eight
Tues. 10/12  Read chapter 10 (Class and sports) in Coakley
           Read chapters 23 and 25 in Eitzen
Thurs. 10/14

Week Nine
Tues. 10/19  Read chapter 11 (Economy and sports) in Coakley
           Read chapter 24 in Eitzen
Thurs. 10/21  No class – Professor is presenting paper at the MidSouth
              Sociological Association Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Week Ten
Tues. 10/26  Read chapter 12 (Media and sports) in Coakley
Thurs. 10/28  Read chapters 7 and 8 in Eitzen

“He who cuts his own wood warms himself twice.” – Henry David Thoreau

Week Eleven
Tues. 11/2   No class – Fall break
Thurs. 11/4  Read chapter 13 (Sports and politics) in Coakley
            Read chapter 18 in Eitzen

Week Twelve
Tues. 11/9   Read chapter 14 (Varsity sports) in Coakley
            Read chapters 20, 21, and 22 in Eitzen
Thurs. 11/11

Week Thirteen
Tues. 11/16  Read chapter 15 (Sports and religion) in Coakley
            Paper due
Thurs. 11/18 Read chapter 16 (Future of sports) in Coakley

Week Fourteen
Tues. 11/23  Presentation of papers
Thurs. 11/25 No class – Thanksgiving

Week Fifteen
Tues. 11/30  Presentation of papers
Thurs. 12/2  Presentation of papers

Week Sixteen
Tues. 12/7   No class – Reading day
Research paper guidelines

Your paper will be graded based upon completion of the six sections described below.

I. Introduction (1-2 pages, 10 points)

Introduce your research question. What is being investigated and why? Why is it an important question to ask?

Briefly (in a paragraph or so) explain how your paper will be organized.

II. Theory and Research (2-3 pages, 20 points)

Review the basic literature on the topic. Use current sociological research. Relate available research to the theoretical perspectives developed in the texts and class. Please use the APA (American Psychological Association) style for citing references within the text and on the reference page. Include at least five peer-reviewed references. The library does not have all journals. You can order articles from other university libraries. It takes approximately 10 days for our library to receive them – sometimes sooner, sometimes later. That is why you need to start the research process early. Possible journal sources are listed below:

Sociology of Sport Journal
Research Quarterly
Journal of Sport History
ARENA Review
Social Problems
Journal of Sport and Social Issues
Journal of Leisure Research
Journal of Popular Culture
International Review of Sport Sociology
Social Science Quarterly
Sex Roles

III. Methods (1-2 pages, 20 points)

Discuss how you collected information (e.g., Observations? Interviewing? Surveys? Digital cameras? Video tape?, etc...) If observation was used, what were you looking for? If surveys or interviews were used, what questions were asked? Be as detailed as you can be. Note: before beginning your research you may need to submit a form to the Human Subjects Review Board Committee at Francis Marion University that describes how you will interact with human subjects in your research.
Briefly discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the method used to analyze the data, but don’t present the results until the next section.

IV. Results/Findings (2-3 pages, 20 points)

Report your findings. What did you observe? Who’s doing what? How? Look for and describe specific behavior patterns and activities. Give specific examples! Detail your observations!

V. Discussion (2-3 pages, 20 points)

Present a sociological analysis of your observations. Remember, no personal opinion is allowed. Your statements must be supported by theories and research. This is a must! You must develop and present a relevant, sociological theoretical analysis, focusing on the central concerns, concepts and variables of particular interest to the theory(ies) which best explain the social reality of the behavior in question.

B. Recommend ideas for further research.

VI. Reference page (1 page, 10 points)

Check your paper for correct referencing, spelling and grammatical errors. Focus on organization and presentation of your ideas— a good paper does not make the reader struggle to understand basic points, issues and relationships. Include a reference page and cite references (using APA style) throughout the body of your paper. Although paper length will vary from individual to individual, you may expect your paper to be 10-15 pages long, reference page included.

Presentation guidelines

You are assigned to do a 10-minute in-class presentation of your research paper covering a specific substantive area within the sociology of sports. This assignment is worth a maximum of 100 points. The general guidelines for the presentation are presented below:

Limit presentation to 10 minutes.
Introduce your research question and the sociological concepts and theories used to answer it.
Provide at least one visual aid (power point presentations are encouraged, but as you probably know, there are good and bad power point presentations!). We will discuss specific strategies for giving effective presentations.
“Hand-outs” are good ideas (but we’ll talk about what should and should not be included on a handout).

Preparation and practice are the keys!!
Organize your presentation the way you organized your paper.
Spend more time presenting the results and conclusions, and less time discussing the introduction and methods.

You will be evaluated on your ability to offer a professional appearance (maximum 50 points) and to inform us about the sociology of sport (50 points).

Offer us a professional appearance and presentation. Here are some suggestions: (1) make eye contact with audience – practice holding your gaze with people for about 5 seconds; (2) do NOT read from your paper – notes are okay, but use flashcards if possible; (3) wear formal attire – think about what you would wear to church, a night at the Florence Little Theatre, a wedding, a job interview, etc. – men should wear a tie with no buttons undone at the neck, jacket optional, but if you wear a jacket be sure to have it buttoned when you present - women should wear a business suit, jacket buttoned when you present – no low-cut blouses (men and women should not wear ball caps or sneakers!); (4) beware of filler words, such as ah’s and uhm’s – it’s best to be silent rather than use unnecessary words; (5) do NOT grip the podium, stand away from it, move around if you want; (6) make sure everyone in audience has handouts (if you use handouts) before you start presentation; and, (7) be organized – there should be an introduction (tell us what you are going to do), a body (do it), and conclusion (summarize your main ideas, and analyze them from a sociological perspective) to your presentation.

Inform us about the sociology of sport. There are many sociological principles/concepts/theories of sport presented in this course that can be used in your presentation, but because of time you may want to limit your presentation to only two or three.
FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE or MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING COURSE

Department/School  Psychology and Sociology  Date  9/21/05

Course No. or level  407  Title  Urban Sociology

Semester hours  3  Clock hours:  Lecture  yes  Laboratory  no

Prerequisites  SOC 201 Principles of Sociology and SOC 202 Methods of Sociology

Enrollment expectation  25

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

modification  proposed change in course’s catalog description
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)

substitute  
(The proposed new course replaces a deleted course as a General Education or program requirement.)

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(The proposed new course can be taken as an alternate to an existing course.)

Name of person preparing course description  Lisa A. Eargle

Department Chairperson’s/Dean's Signature

Provost's Signature

Date of Implementation  Spring 2006

Date of School/Department approval  9/22/05

Catalog description:
MODIFY the course description of Sociology 407, Urban Sociology FROM:

Historical and current urban growth patterns, theoretical perspectives regarding urban structure and change, distribution of power and other resources in urban settings, urban cultural and social forms, problems of urban areas, strategies of urban planning.
TO:

Historical and current urban growth patterns, theoretical perspectives regarding urban structure and change, distribution of power and other resources in urban settings, urban cultural and social forms, problems of urban areas, strategies of urban planning. Examines how gender, racial/ethnic, class, and other group relations affect urban processes and life.

Purpose: 1. For Whom (generally?)
Students who have interests in (a) urban planning, development, and growth, (b) race, class and gender issues, and (c) social policy.

2. What should the course do for the student?

This course will (a) demonstrate the interrelatedness of urban social relations and urbanization processes; (b) demonstrate the contributions of the three major perspectives in Sociology (Functionalist, Conflict, and Symbolic Interactionist) to studying and understanding urban phenomena; (c) highlight the contributions of different gender, racial/ethnic, age, political, economic, and social groups to urban development and life; (d) provide a balanced view of social groups often portrayed negatively (as either troublemakers or victims); (e) demonstrate how urban areas and urban life are dynamic (changing) phenomena; (f) demonstrate how to design a research study of an urban phenomenon; (g) further develop and apply research skills that students have obtained from previous research courses; and (h) further develop students’ oral communication (presentation) skills.

Teaching method planned: Lecture and discussion; student projects and presentations

Textbook and/or materials planned:

Gottdiener and Hutchinson’s *The New Urban Sociology, 2nd Edition*

Course Content:

**Preindustrial Urban Development and Life**
- terminology; general urbanization trends
- physical structure/layout of earliest cities (Mesopotamian, Greece, Rome)
- life in early cities – stratification and inequality for different gender, political, and economic groups
- physical structure/layout of medieval cities
- life in medieval cities – stratification and inequality for different gender, political, and economic groups

**Urbanization and Urban Life in US: History and Theories**
- US cities during colonial period (1700s to 1850s)
- US cities during industrial period (1860s to 1920s)
US cities during corporate period (1920s – now)
Urban theories: Human Ecological (Functionalist) Perspective
Urban theories: Political Economy (Conflict) Perspective
Urban theories: Symbolic Interactionist Perspective

Urban Research
How to do research project and poster display
Secondary data sources on the Web
Using SPSS for data analyses

Modern Urban Issues: Contributions and Inequalities by Race, Class, Gender
Urban utopias and planning critics
Urban social classes, poverty and fiscal issues
Urban immigration, racial and ethnic relations
Women and men’s roles in urban development
Gay and Lesbian roles in urban development
Urban environmental concerns
Urban crime and social unrest

International Urban Development and Life
Urban politics
Modern Latin American cities: physical structure/layout and stratification/inequality for different gender, racial/ethnic, political, and economic groups
Modern Asian cities: physical structure/layout and stratification/inequality for different gender, racial/ethnic, political, and economic groups
Modern African and Middle Eastern cities: physical structure/layout and stratification/inequality for different gender, racial/ethnic, political, and economic groups
Globalization of cities
SOCI 407: URBAN SOCIOLOGY
Fall 2005

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Textbooks

For Fall 2005, I am requiring Gottdiener and Hutchinson’s The New Urban Sociology, 2nd Edition, as the textbook. Other materials will be handed out in class as needed.

Course Prerequisites

A passing grade in SOCI 201 and 202. It is recommended that students have either earned a passing grade in a data analysis/statistics course (such as SOCI 303, MATH 120, MATH 114, PSY 302, or POL 295) or are concurrently enrolled in such a course.

Course Description

This course examines the emergence of, physical arrangement, and life within the city over time (from the first cities to the present). We will examine (1) American cities as well as cities within other developed and developing nations; (2) Different perspectives on urban development; (3) City inhabitants (race/ethnicity and nationality, gender, sexual orientation, and economic position) and their contributions to urban development and urban life; (4) Problems facing cities (fiscal, political, environmental, and social unrest/crime); and (5) Increasing globalization of cities/city life.

The course format will be a combination of lecture and discussion, with several in-class written examinations, presentations, and a research project.

Course Objectives

This course makes several contributions to the Sociology and the Gender Studies (forthcoming) programs. The goals of this course are to:
Demonstrate the interrelatedness of urban social relations and urbanization processes.
Demonstrate the contributions of the three major perspectives in Sociology (Functionalist, Conflict, and Symbolic Interactionist) to studying and understanding urban phenomena
Highlight contributions of different gender, racial/ethnic, age, political, economic, and social groups to urban development and life that are often ignored by urban researchers and courses (such as women, gays and lesbians, elderly, and illegal immigrants)
Provide a balanced view of social groups often portrayed negatively (as either troublemakers or victims) by urban researchers and courses (e.g. urban poor and racial/ethnic minorities)
Demonstrate how urban areas and urban life are dynamic (changing) phenomena
Demonstrate how to design a research study of an urban phenomenon
Further develop and apply research skills that students have obtained from previous research courses
Further develop students’ oral communication (presentation) skills

Course Assignments

During the semester, 4 exams, a project, and presentation will be assigned. Attendance will also be taken at every class. A detailed description of each assignment and its role in determining final course grades is provided below.

Exams:

There will be 4 in-class written examinations (see “Tentative Course Schedule” for their dates). Each exam will be noncumulative and will consist of 20 multiple choice and 3 essay questions. In the class meeting prior to each exam, a review sheet will be handed out and any questions regarding the material on that sheet will be addressed.

The review sheet will contain 10 – 12 potential essay and 20 – 30 potential multiple choice items. You are responsible for knowing ALL of those items. You will NOT be allowed to choose which questions you will have to answer on the exam. Furthermore, there will be multiple versions of the exams and you will NOT be allowed to choose which version of the exam that you receive. Also, exam questions are changed from semester to semester.

Make-up exams will be given for Exams 1 - 3, for those individuals providing official written documentation (obituary, doctor’s note, etc.) demonstrating the necessity of missing the exam. All make-up exams must be taken on December 6 (Reading Day), between 10 am and 2 pm. Otherwise, a grade of zero will be assigned to the missed exam(s). Per University regulations, there will be no make-up exams given for the final exam.
Exam grades will NOT be dropped or curved. Do NOT count on extra credit work being assigned to improve your exam scores. Grades of Incomplete will NOT be assigned. Each exam is worth 18 percent of your final grade, with all 4 exams together counting for 72 percent of the final course grade.

Project:

Each student will be required to conduct, separately, an original research project of his/her own. (No group work.) This project has 7 parts to it: (1) a hypothesis/research question; (2) an introduction; (3) a literature review/theory section; (4) data, methods, and analysis discussion; (5) results/findings component; (6) interpretation of results; and (7) conclusion section. This information will then be used to give a poster presentation and a 10 minute talk to the class about your research. The breakdown of project points are as follows:

- hypothesis/research question = 5 points
- introduction paragraph = 3 points
- literature review/theory = 20 points
- data/methods/analysis discussion = 20 points
- results section = 20 points
- interpretation of results = 15 points
- conclusion = 3 points
- poster appearance = 5 points
- presentation = 9 points

TOTAL = 100 points, for 28% of course grade

Project topics/hypotheses must be submitted to me for approval by September 19. If I have not approved your project topic, you will NOT receive any credit for your project. The project will count for 28 percent of your final grade and the project is due on November 21 during class time. (I will store the posters until a person’s presentation day). Late projects will NOT be accepted.

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Description of project parts

Introduction – names topic, provides justification for study

Literature Review – contains major theories used to explain topic and major findings of previous research, as well as hypotheses

Data and Methods – names the data source, sample, variables used (including designation of dependent and independent variables), variable measurement or operationalization, and statistical technique to be used

Findings – contain all pertinent statistical results from analyses

Interpretation of Findings – provide explanation of what the results show, both statistically and in terms of hypotheses support/lack of support

Conclusion – overall summary and limitations of study and directions for future research

Place list of references (at least 10) on the back of the poster board

For the literature review, you should follow the format of the American Sociological Association (see “ASA Style Guide” portion of this syllabus) for citations and references. The review should be typed using margins of 1.25 inches, with a font size no larger than 12, and should be 1 to 3 pages long. You should use and cite at least 10 references. **Posters lacking citations and a reference page will automatically lose 20 points.** You can use information from the Internet for your project, but do NOT use encyclopedias or dictionaries as your references.

The project’s sample size should be at least 45 cases (such as 46 counties in SC, 50 states in US, 75 cities across the US, or 50 individuals surveyed) and you should perform a multivariate analysis (5 or more variables) on the data (such as regression or multilevel...
crosstabs or multiple t-tests of means). **Posters displaying only graphs or having less than 45 cases in the sample will automatically lose 35 points.** Results for all analyses performed should be included on the poster.

**Posters not clearly naming the data source, sample, variables used, and/or analysis performed in the Data/Methods section will also lose major points.** It is your responsibility to ensure all pertinent/required information is included and clearly labeled on your poster. I will not play “mental gymnastics” to figure out what you did for your project, nor inquire why something is missing from the poster. I will just deduct the points if something is missing or unclear.

I have allocated class meetings to show how to do research, such as picking a topic, looking for data, and how to do data analyses using SPSS (See “Tentative Course Schedule” for dates). It is your responsibility, however, to seek additional help from me if you have questions about what/how to do parts of the project.

Poster boards (the 3 piece, fold-out, cardboard type) are available at Walmart SuperCenters, Office Depot, Office Max, and Staples for less than $12. **Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your board** because the public schools also use these for science fair projects. **Power Point presentations, written papers, or other means of display will NOT be accepted as substitutes for the poster board.**

**4 Additional Warnings!!!!**

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO BEGIN WORKING – YOU WILL BE OVERWHELMED, PRODUCE JUNK, AND EARN A GRADE OF “F.”

DO NOT PLAGIARIZE (STEAL) SOMEONE ELSE’S RESEARCH (off of an Internet site, out of a journal, etc.) because I will give you a ZERO for the project.

NO DOUBLE SUBMISSIONS ARE ALLOWED (you can’t use the same exact project for this and another class, whether in poster or paper format.). Those “doubly submitting” work will receive a grade of ZERO for the project.

PROJECTS WITHOUT HSRB APPROVAL WILL RECEIVE A ZERO. For those who wish to use data collected from obtrusive methods (survey, interview, or observation), you will need to seek Human Subjects Review Board approval. (HSRB wants to make sure that your research will not cause harm to anyone involved, including yourself –i.e. lawsuit protection.) HSRB proposals are reviewed a couple of times a semester, but don’t assume you can obtain approval on short-notice. This applies only to projects using observational or survey data collection methods (and not to those using secondary data and/or content analysis).

**Presentation:**
Near the end of the semester, each researcher will produce a poster for display that summarizes the topic, literature, data collection method, and findings of their research. Each person will also give a 10 minute presentation to the class on their research (you can use the poster as a prop, if you like) describing the topic, literature, etc. as well as the surprises (and of course, problems) you encountered while conducting the research. In other words, talk about your research as well as your experiences as a researcher.

A sign-up sheet of presentation dates will be circulated in class in late October/early November. There will be NO make-ups for the class presentation.

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken during each class meeting. It is your responsibility to make sure you sign the attendance sheet. For those students who miss less than 5 classes AND have an average course assignment grade of 60+, an extra half letter grade will be added to their final course grades (a B+ becomes an A).

Attendance, while not mandatory and your responsibility alone, has many benefits: higher exam scores, regular opportunities to ask for help on the project, being informed about what occurred in class, and a chance for me to mention it in employment and/or graduate school recommendation letters.

If you need to drop this course, it is your responsibility to secure a Withdrawal form, complete it, and turn it into the Registrar’s office. To just simply stop attending class will NOT get you removed from the course’s enrollment/grade list. This professor does NOT drop students from the course.

Course Grades

Final course grades will be based upon the weighted average of your exam, project, and presentation grades, as well as your class attendance. Final course letter grades will be assigned as follows:

A = 90 -100  B+ = 86 - 89  B = 80 - 85  C+ = 76 - 79
C = 70 - 75  D+ = 66 - 69  D = 60 - 65  F = 59 and less

Final course grades will not be curved. Grades of Incomplete will not be assigned (See Academic Calendar at http://www.fmarion.edu website or in Schedule of Courses for drop dates).
Tentative Course Schedule

Below is a tentative schedule of dates and the topics/readings covered that day in class.

Date       Topic

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Part 1: Preindustrial Urban Development and Life

8/24        Syllabus
8/26        terminology; general urbanization trends
8/29        physical structure/layout of earliest cities (Mesopotamian, Greece, Rome)
8/31        life in early cities – stratification and inequality for different gender, political,
             and economic groups
9/2          physical structure/layout of medieval cities
9/5          life in medieval cities – stratification and inequality for different gender, political, and economic groups
9/7          Review for Exam 1
9/9          Exam 1

9/12        US cities during colonial period (1700s to 1850s)
9/14        US cities during industrial period (1860s to 1920s)
9/16        US cities during corporate period (1920s – now)
9/19        Urban theories: Human Ecological (Functionalist) Perspective
9/21        Urban theories: Political Economy (Conflict) Perspective
9/23        Urban theories: Symbolic Interactionist Perspective
9/26        Examples of research projects from each perspective
9/28        Review for Exam 2
9/30        Exam 2

Part 3: Conducting Urban Research

10/3        How to do research project and poster display
10/5        Secondary data sources on the Web
10/7        Using SPSS for data analyses
10/10       Fall Break
Part 4: Modern Urban Issues: Contributions and Inequalities by Race, Class, Gender

10/12 Urban utopias and planning critics (including Jane Jacobs)
10/14 Urban social classes, poverty and fiscal issues
10/17 Urban immigration, racial and ethnic relations
10/19 Women and men’s roles in urban development
10/21 Gay and Lesbian roles in urban development
10/24 Urban environmental concerns
10/26 MSSA conference – no class
10/28 MSSA conference – no class
10/31 Urban crime and social unrest
11/2 Review for Exam 3
11/4 Exam 3

Part 5: International Urban Development and Life

11/7 Urban politics
11/9 Modern Latin American cities: physical structure/layout and stratification/inequality for different gender, racial/ethnic, political, and economic groups
11/11 Modern Asian cities: physical structure/layout and stratification/inequality for different gender, racial/ethnic, political, and economic groups
11/14 Modern African and Middle Eastern cities: physical structure/layout and stratification/inequality for different gender, racial/ethnic, political, and economic groups
11/16 Globalization of cities
11/18 Globalization of cities
11/21 Project presentations
11/23 Project presentations
11/25 Thanksgiving Holiday
11/28 Project presentations
11/30 Project presentations
12/2 Project presentations
12/5 Review for Exam 4 (Final Exam) 12/9 at 11:45 Exam 4 (Final Exam)

Sources/References for Course Lectures


Wadsworth. (Presents only the conflict perspective)


Most of the material will come from Gottdiener/Hutchinson, Kleniewski, Lyon, and Sjoberg textbooks. However, to adequately address urban issues, information/materials will be acquired from the following items:


FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE or MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING COURSE

Department/School__Psychology and Sociology__ Date _______9/21/05___

Course No. or level__419__ Title _____Population and Society_____

Semester hours__3_____ Clock hours: Lecture yes Laboratory no

Prerequisites__SOC 210 Principles of Sociology and SOC 202 Methods of Sociology

Enrollment expectation________25_________

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)

modification ______ change in catalog description to more fully describe course content
(proposed change in course title, course description, course content or method of instruction)

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Name of person preparing course description_______Lisa A. Eargle

Department Chairperson’s/Dean's Signature_________________________________________

Provost's Signature______________________________________________________________

Date of Implementation___________________Spring 2006___________________________

Date of School/Department approval_____________9/22/05__________________________

Catalog description:

**MODIFY** the course description of Sociology 419, Population and Society **FROM:**

Scientific study of population size, composition, and distribution; analysis of trends and differentials in birth rates, death rates, and migration; consideration of actual and potential pressures of population on natural resources; the interrelationship of population and social structure.

**TO:**
Scientific study of population size, composition, and distribution; analysis of trends and differentials in birth rates, death rates, and migration by race/ethnicity, gender, class, age, and nationality; consideration of actual and potential pressures of population on natural resources; the interrelationship of population and social structure as it varies by race/ethnicity, class, gender, age, and nationality.

Purpose: 1. For Whom (generally?)

Those with interests in (a) fertility, mortality, and migration, (b) social policies, (c) race, class, and gender, and (d) who may be pursuing careers in social and human service fields.

2. What should the course do for the student?

This course will (a) demonstrate the connections between of population features/processes and other social phenomena; (b) demonstrate how population and population characteristics are dynamic (changing) phenomena; (c) Highlight how population processes differentially impact racial/ethnic, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, and nationality groups; (d) demonstrate how to design a research study of population phenomenon; (e) further develop and apply research skills that students have obtained from previous research courses; and (f) further develop students’ oral communication (presentation) skills.

Teaching method planned: Lecture and discussion; student projects and presentations

Textbook and/or materials planned:


Course Content:

Demographic Concepts
History and concepts in demography
Structure and distribution of populations

Conducting Demographic Research
Conducting demographic research
Demographic data sources
Demographic analyses

Fertility: Measures, Theories, Patterns, Trends, and Policies
Fertility concepts and measures
Fertility theories
Fertility patterns and trends by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious and political orientation, education, and nationality
Fertility public policies/laws

**Mortality: Measures, Theories, Patterns, Trends, and Policies**
- Mortality and morbidity concepts and measures
- Mortality and morbidity theories
- Mortality patterns and trends by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious and political orientation, education, and nationality
- Mortality and health policies

**Migration: Measures, Theories, Patterns, Trends, and Policies**
- Migration concepts and measures
- Migration theories
- Migration patterns and trends by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious and political orientation, education, and nationality
- Migration policies/Immigration law

**Population Growth Models, Projections, and Estimates**
- Population growth models, projections, and estimates
- Life Table and its uses

**Demographic Influences on Other Social Phenomena**
- Environmental impacts; Environmental inequalities by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and age
- Political and economic power: their distribution and uses by race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation and age
- Changing social and cultural institutions (family, worship, recreation): overall trends and patterns, and by race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, and age
- Type and incidence of crime; Crime perpetrators and victims by race/ethnicity, class, gender, and age
- Impact on educational and social welfare institutions: demands upon and responses by
SOCI 419: Population and Society
Spring 2006

Instructor: Dr. L.A. Eargle
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Office Hours: M - F 10:00 - 11:20
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Textbooks
Other materials will be handed out in class as needed.

Course Prerequisites
A passing grade in SOCI 201 and 202. It is recommended that students have either earned a passing grade in a data analysis/statistics course (such as SOCI 303, MATH 120, MATH 114, PSY 302, or POL 295) or are concurrently enrolled in such a course.

Course Description
This course is an introduction to the study of population and population related issues. Some of the topics we will address are: (1) factors influencing the number of children people have; (2) life expectancy and disease rate patterns and trends; (3) who is likely to change residence and why; (4) how fertility, mortality, and migration vary across racial/ethnic, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, educational, and nationality groups; and (5) how population dynamics (fertility, mortality, and migration) impact the environment, the family, health care, the economy, politics, crime rates, and educational institutions.

The course format will be a combination of lecture and discussion, with several in-class written examinations, presentations, and a research project.

Course Objectives
This course makes several contributions to the Sociology and the Gender Studies (forthcoming) programs. The goals of this course are to:
Demonstrate the connections between of population features/processes and other social phenomena
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**Course Assignments**

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- conclusion = 3 points
- poster appearance = 5 points
- presentation = 9 points

TOTAL = 100 points, for 28% of course grade

Project topics/hypotheses must be submitted to me for approval by February 15. If I have not approved your project topic, you will NOT receive any credit for your project. The project will count for 28 percent of your final grade and the project is due on April 10 during class time. (I will store the posters until a person’s presentation day). Late projects will NOT be accepted.

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The project’s sample size should be at least 45 cases (such as 46 counties in SC, 50 states in US, 75 cities across the US, or 50 individuals surveyed) and you should perform a multivariate analysis (5 or more variables) on the data (such as regression or multilevel crosstabs or multiple t-tests of means). Posters displaying only graphs or having less than 45 cases in the sample will automatically lose 35 points. Results for all analyses performed should be included on the poster.

Posters not clearly naming the data source, sample, variables used, and/or analysis performed in the Data/Methods section will also lose major points. It is your responsibility to ensure all pertinent/required information is included and clearly labeled on your poster. I will not play “mental gymnastics” to figure out what you did for your project,
nor inquire why something is missing from the poster. I will just deduct the points if something is missing or unclear.

I have allocated class meetings to show how to do research, such as picking a topic, looking for data, and how to do data analyses using SPSS (See “Tentative Course Schedule” for dates). It is your responsibility, however, to seek additional help from me if you have questions about what/how to do parts of the project.

Poster boards (the 3 piece, fold-out, cardboard type) are available at Walmart SuperCenters, Office Depot, Office Max, and Staples for less than $12. Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your board because the public schools also use these for science fair projects. Power Point presentations, written papers, or other means of display will NOT be accepted as substitutes for the poster board.

4 Additional Warnings!!!!

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER TO BEGIN WORKING – YOU WILL BE OVERWHELMED, PRODUCE JUNK, AND EARN A GRADE OF “F.”

DO NOT PLAGIARIZE (STEAL) SOMEONE ELSE’S RESEARCH (off of an Internet site, out of a journal, etc.) because I will give you a ZERO for the project.

NO DOUBLE SUBMISSIONS ARE ALLOWED (you can’t use the same exact project for this and another class, whether in poster or paper format.). Those “doubly submitting” work will receive a grade of ZERO for the project.

PROJECTS WITHOUT HSRB APPROVAL WILL RECEIVE A ZERO. For those who wish to use data collected from obtrusive methods (survey, interview, or observation), you will need to seek Human Subjects Review Board approval. (HSRB wants to make sure that your research will not cause harm to anyone involved, including yourself –i.e. lawsuit protection.) HSRB proposals are reviewed a couple of times a semester, but don’t assume you can obtain approval on short-notice. This applies only to projects using observational or survey data collection methods (and not to those using secondary data and/or content analysis).

Presentation:

Near the end of the semester, each researcher will produce a poster for display that summarizes the topic, literature, data collection method, and findings of their research. Each person will also give a 10 minute presentation to the class on their research (you can use the poster as a prop, if you like) describing the topic, literature, etc. as well as the surprises (and of course, problems) you encountered while conducting the research. In other words, talk about your research as well as your experiences as a researcher.

A sign-up sheet of presentation dates will be circulated in class in late March/early April.
There will be NO make-ups for the class presentation.

**Attendance:**

Attendance will be taken during each class meeting. It is your responsibility to make sure you sign the attendance sheet. For those students who miss *less* than 5 classes **AND** have an average course assignment grade of 60+, an extra half letter grade will be added to their final course grades (a B+ becomes an A).

Attendance, while not mandatory and your responsibility alone, has many benefits: higher exam scores, regular opportunities to ask for help on the project, being informed about what occurred in class, and a chance for me to mention it in employment and/or graduate school recommendation letters.

*If you need to drop this course, it is your responsibility to secure a Withdrawal form, complete it, and turn it into the Registrar’s office.* To just simply stop attending class will NOT get you removed from the course’s enrollment/grade list. This professor does NOT drop students from the course.

**Course Grades**

Final course grades will be based upon the weighted average of your exam, project, and presentation grades, as well as your class attendance. Final course letter grades will be assigned as follows:

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Final course grades will not be curved. Grades of Incomplete will not be assigned (See Academic Calendar at [http://www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu) website or in Schedule of Courses for drop dates).

**Tentative Course Schedule**

Below is a tentative schedule of dates and the topics/readings covered that day in class.
Date      Topic
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Part 1: Demographic Concepts

1/11       Syllabus
1/13       History and concepts in demography
1/16       MLK Jr. Holiday – No Class
1/18       Structure and distribution of populations

Part 2: Conducting Demographic Research

1/20       Conducting demographic research
1/23       Demographic data sources
1/25       Demographic analyses
1/27       Review for Exam 1
1/30       Exam 1

Part 3: Fertility: Measures, Theories, Patterns, Trends, and Policies

2/1         Fertility concepts and measures
2/3         Fertility theories
2/6         Fertility patterns and trends by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious and political orientation, education, and nationality
2/8         Fertility patterns and trends continued
2/10        Fertility public policies/laws

Part 4: Mortality: Measures, Theories, Patterns, Trends, and Policies

2/13        Mortality and morbidity concepts and measures
2/15        Mortality and morbidity theories
2/17        Review for Exam 2
2/20        Exam 2
2/22        Mortality patterns and trends by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious and political orientation, education, and nationality
2/24        Mortality and health policies

Part 5: Migration: Measures, Theories, Patterns, Trends, and Policies
2/27  Migration concepts and measures
3/1   Migration theories
3/3   Migration patterns and trends by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious and political orientation, education, and nationality

3/6 – 3/10  Spring Break – No Classes
3/13  Migration policies/Immigration law
3/15  Review for Exam 3
3/17  Exam 3

Part 6: Population Growth Models, Projections, and Estimates
3/20  Population growth models, projections, and estimates
3/22  Life Table and its uses

Part 7: Demographic Influences on Other Social Phenomena
3/24  Environmental impacts; Environmental inequalities by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and age
3/27  Political and economic power: their distribution and uses by race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation and age
3/29  MSS Conference – No Class
3/31  MSS Conference – No Class

4/3   Changing social and cultural institutions (family, worship, recreation): overall trends and patterns, and by race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, and age
4/5   Type and incidence of crime; Crime perpetrators and victims by race/ethnicity, class, gender, and age
4/7   Impact on educational and social welfare institutions: demands upon and responses by

4/10  Project Presentations
4/12  Project Presentations
4/14  Project Presentations
4/17  Project Presentations
4/19  Project Presentations
4/21  Review for Final Exam

Final Exam Date -- TBA
Sources/References for Course Lectures

Weinstein and Pillai textbook


Handbook of Demography published by RAND.

Gay Atlas

Various websites, such as CDC and NIH

Various journal articles
FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED NEW COURSE or MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING COURSE

Department/School School of Education Date September 15, 2005

Course No. ECE 321 Title Methods for Teaching and Assessing Primary Mathematics

Prerequisite: Admission into the Professional Education Program.

Semester hours 3 Clock hours: Lecture 45 Laboratory 0

Enrollment expectation: 8-17 students per semester

Indicate any course for which this course is a modification

Consolidation of ECE 316 and ECE 416 from pages 162-165 in the 2005-2006 course catalog

Name of person preparing course description Bill Whitmire and Lloyd Hutchings

Department Chairperson’s/Dean’s Signature

Provost’s Signature

Date of Implementation August 2006

Date of School/Department approval August 2005

Catalog description:
This course is designed to introduce the undergraduate teacher candidate to the quantitative needs of primary students, and to the structure of the primary mathematics curriculum. Candidates will develop pedagogical strategies and teaching techniques that address primary students’ quantitative needs. Candidates will be introduced to a variety of hands-on and manipulative (concrete and virtual) materials to help primary students understand different mathematical concepts. Instructional methods will accommodate the learning styles of both teacher candidates and primary students, meeting their individual needs and helping them achieve respective learning goals.

Purpose:
1. For Whom? This course will be required for all candidates in the early childhood education program.

2. What should the course do for the student? This course will provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement effective teaching strategies and assessment techniques in primary mathematics.

Teaching method planned:
Lecture, demonstration/modeling, group discussions, and problem-solving
Textbook:

Course Content:

*When completed, forward to the Office of the Provost.* 9/03
ECE 321 – Methods for Teaching and Assessing Primary Mathematics

Prerequisite:
Admission to the Professional Education Program

Text:
Teaching K-6 Mathematics (Brumbaugh & Rock)

Conceptual Framework:
The Francis Marion University’s School of Education prepares caring and competent teachers for the 21st century.

The undergraduate teacher candidate will demonstrate attributes of a caring teacher professional through the Disposition Evaluation Form in the five major areas of: (1) professional commitment, (2) respect for the learning process, (3) ethical standards, (4) respect for families, cultures, and communities, and (5) respect for colleagues, P-12 students, faculty, and staff.

The undergraduate teacher candidate will demonstrate the competencies of a teacher professional as measured by (1) knowledge of content, (2) ability to plan and implement instruction, (3) assessment of P-12 student learning, (4) ability to impact P-12 student learning, (5) performance in clinical experiences, (6) work with children of poverty, and (7) use of appropriate technologies in teaching.

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Course Goals:
The purpose of ECE 321 is to:

1) introduce primary school preservice teachers to the issues, challenges, trends, current curriculum development projects, and research in primary mathematics education.
2) promote the study and demonstration of primary school mathematics curricula in terms of methods of instruction to meet the needs of individual students.
3) promote the use of appropriate technologies to teach and assess mathematics.
4) facilitate critical reflection in students as effective primary school teachers of mathematics.

Course Objectives:
Candidates in this course will:

1) write papers on issues related to current mathematics trends. Adept Performance Dimension: 5, 6, 7
2) explore and solve mathematical problems using a variety of hands-on and virtual manipulatives and other technologies. Adept Performance Dimension: 5, 6, 7
3) develop model lesson plans that integrate technology and that are based on collaboration in interdisciplinary subjects, such as Science.  

4) develop a resource notebook for student teaching, including S.C. mathematics curriculum standards.  

5) become active in local, state, and national teaching organizations and be able to identify SCCTM and NCTM publications.

As a result of course activities and experiences, teacher candidates will develop or strengthen appropriate:

**Knowledge:** Having sound pedagogical acumen about learners and content that enables one to be flexible in the applications of approaches to learning and their view of content an integrated, interrelated whole.

**Skills:** Having the ability to accurately and efficiently gather, interpret, and evaluate information; this ability involves processes that require analysis and synthesis. Engaging in metacognitive evaluation of actions, results of actions, and possible alternatives for the adjustment and/or improvement of learning. Judging actions and results only after careful scrutiny of the research and professional literature in the area of mathematics.

**Dispositions:** Possessing interpersonal skills and motivation to initiate and maintain productive interchanges with parents, community entities, colleagues, and students. Promoting knowledge, understanding, appreciation, and accommodation of differences and consequent inclusion of all learners; of particular relevance are those differences that arise from individual or group histories, identities, perceptions, and accompanying values.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is necessary if you are to succeed in this class since much of your final evaluation will depend on class participation and discussions. Any missed days will result in a deduction of 1% point of Class participation grade. Absences should be for emergencies only. If you miss more than 4 class periods, a grade of NC or W will be assigned.

**Evaluation:**

Student grades will be determined by quality of completed assignments (i.e. exercises, reports, and papers) and by participation in the class. All work is expected to be neat and orderly and turned in on due date. All papers are to be written following the APA style (American Psychological Association), using a word processor. Papers must be free of errors. Papers that do not meet these criteria will be given back for revisions. There will be a final comprehensive exam. **Any student missing the exam without a written excuse from the Provost will be assigned a grade of No Credit (NC).**

Assignments will be weighted as:

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The final grade will be as follows:

- **A** (90%-100%)
- **B+** (86%-89%)
- **B** (80%-85%)
- **C+** (76%-79%)
- **C** (70%-75%)
- **D+** (66%-69%)
- **D** (60%-69%)
Catalog description:

This course will examine the current trends and practices in the teaching of reading in elementary and middle grades. In addition, this course will examine ways of assessing and correcting reading difficulties in P-12 students. The candidate will, at the completion of this course, be able to select appropriate reading and assessment strategies and techniques for use in the modern day classroom.

Purpose:

1. For Whom? This course would be required for all candidates in the elementary education program and as specified for middle level education majors.

2. What should the course do for the student? This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement effective reading strategies and assessment techniques in today’s elementary and middle school classrooms.

Teaching method planned:

Lecture, role-playing, demonstration/modeling, simulation, group discussions and problem-solving activities.
Textbook:

Course Content: (Please explain the content of the course in enough detail so that the Academic Affairs Committee can make an informed judgment. Include a syllabus for the course.)

The content of this course will examine the reading process, the stages of reading, and a host of current strategies and approaches for teaching reading in the elementary and middle school. This course will further examine current assessment techniques for assessing students with reading difficulties in the elementary and middle schools.

When completed, forward to the Office of the Provost. 9/03
Education 312: Methods of Teaching and Assessing Reading

Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program

Conceptual Framework

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The undergraduate level teacher candidate will demonstrate attributes of a caring teacher professional through the Professional Disposition Assessment Form in the five major areas of: (1) professional commitment, (2) respect for the learning process, (3) ethical standards, (4) respect for families, cultures, and communities, and (5) respect for colleagues, P-12 students, faculty, and staff.

The undergraduate level teacher candidate will demonstrate competencies of a teacher professional as measured by (1) knowledge of content, (2) ability to plan and implement instruction, (3) clinical experiences, (4) ability to impact P-12 student learning, (5) assessment of P-12 student learning, (6) work with children of poverty and integration of technology.

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<td>Students will examine the South Carolina state reading standards and determine the reading proficiencies expected at each grade level in grades K-8.</td>
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<td>Students will acquire a working knowledge of the principles of assessing K-8 students’ reading levels and determine how the principles affect assessment of K-8 students in reading.</td>
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<td>Students will develop strategies and procedures for the teaching of word recognition, vocabulary, and comprehension.</td>
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<td>Students will examine the major approaches for teaching reading (basal, literature-based, language</td>
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Students will develop strategies for teaching reading in the content areas.

Students will investigate ways to use technology to teach and assess reading.

Students will acquire knowledge of the various techniques used to assess K-8 student reading levels.

Students will explore formal reading assessments (norm-referenced and criterion referenced).

Students will explore alternative methods of reading assessments (observation, portfolio, and self-evaluation).

Students will explore and administer several informal reading assessments (IRI, Miscue Analysis, Running Record, Oral Retelling, and Reading Interest Inventory) to a K-8 student.

Students will use the data gathered from the reading assessments to determine the K-8 student’s approximate reading level.

Students will devise prescriptive strategies that could be implemented to help the K-8 student in the case study.

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**Course Overview**

I. The Reading Act
   a. reading process
   b. reading theory
   c. principles of teaching reading
   d. standards for teaching reading

II. Stages of Reading
   a. emergent literacy
   b. early reading
   c. growing independence
   d. reading to learn
   e. abstract reading

III. Word Recognition
a. strategies
b. procedures

IV. Vocabulary
a. vocabulary development
b. instruction

V. Comprehension
a. strategies
b. instruction

VI. Major Approaches to Teaching Reading
a. basal/packaged programs
b. literature based
c. language experience
d. eclectic

VII. Teaching Reading in the Content Areas
a. language arts
b. social studies
c. math
d. science/health

VIII. Use of Technology to Teach and Assess Reading

IX. Assessment of Student Reading Progress
a. formal assessment
   1. norm referenced
   2. criterion referenced
b. alternative assessment
   1. observation
   2. portfolio
   3. self-evaluation
c. informal assessment
   1. informal reading inventory
   2. miscue analysis
   3. running record

Methods of presentation
During this course, a variety of instructional activities will be used. These will include lecture, questioning, discussion, videos, demonstration/modeling, simulation/role play, whole and small group activities, analysis of diagnostic reports, and individual problem solving activities. Students will have opportunities to work independently and collaboratively with other students.
Course requirements

- Attendance and participation in all classes
- Completion of textbook readings before class
- Successful completion of all assignments and projects
- Successful completion of quizzes, exams, and presentations

Course policies

Attendance/tardiness

- As this is a course preparing you for your profession, you are expected to be in class on time. Class attendance and punctuality are extremely important and expected.
- Since tardiness reflects your lack of preparation for class, excessive tardiness will also affect your grade. Two tardies will count as an absence.
- If a medical necessity or family crisis requires that you miss a class, you are to notify me in advance. Material presented in class should be obtained from a member of the class or me prior to the following class. Missed quizzes or tests may only be made up if prior arrangements are made.

Classroom courtesy

- You have a right to learn in a respectful environment and the instructor has the right to teach in a respectful environment. Engaging in personal conversation, studying for another class, or being inattentive is not professional behavior and could affect your final grade.
- Please turn off cellular telephones prior to entering class.

Class Participation

- It is vital that you read all materials prior to class so that you may contribute to discussions about the material. It is also important that you read material, as it may not be covered in class, but may be tested. It is your responsibility to have clarified in class any material not understood.
- Mere attendance to class does not ensure that you receive all participation points.

Course Assignments

- Assignments are to be submitted at the beginning of class. Any assignment turned in late will be penalized a letter grade for every day late. This is not intended as a punishment, but to maintain fairness in the evaluation of the work of all students.
- If you have any questions regarding an assignment, please contact me prior to the due date.
- Assignments for the course will include:
  - Case Study (40%)
  - Quizzes (40%)
  - Class Attendance/Participation, Professionalism, and Cooperative Activities in class (20%)
*** Please note that all assignments should be free of typographical and grammatical errors. Please be aware that excessive errors will result in a loss of points.

Grades will be determined using the following grading scale:

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SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CLASS REQUIRES THAT YOU SPEND TIME IN SCHOOLS. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE RELEASE TIME FROM CLASS FOR CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS.

***THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE SYLLABUS AS NECESSARY.
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   3. running record

Text:


[There is a chapter in this text specifically designated for assessing reading difficulties.]
Department/School: School of Education  
Date: August 22, 2005

Course No.: Education 311

Title: Foundations of Instructional Planning and Assessment

Semester hours: 3  
Clock hours:  
Lecture: 45  
Laboratory: 0

Prerequisite: Admission into Professional Education Program

Enrollment expectation: 30-45 students per semester

Indicate any course for which this course is a substitution:

Substitution for EDUC 488 Educational Measurement, Evaluation, and Testing on page 167 of the 2005-2006 Francis Marion University catalog. The hours have been increased from 2 hours to 3 hours.

Name of person preparing course description: Dr. Sharon Moore Askins

Department Chairperson’s/Dean’s Signature

Provost’s Signature

Date of Implementation:  
Fall 2006

Date of School/Department approval:  
August 2005

Catalog description: Designed to develop an understanding of effective instructional planning, both long-range and short-range, to improve student achievement. Also introduces students to designing a standards-driven assessment using curriculum standards as the foundation of assessment. The students will also develop an understanding of measurement, evaluation, and testing techniques. Both informal and formal test interpretation are covered.

Purpose:

1. For Whom? This course would be required for all undergraduate students enrolled in Francis Marion University’s Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School, and Secondary programs.

2. What should the course do for the student? This course provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement effective long-range and short-term instructional plans and appropriate standards-driven assessments for students in order to improve student achievement.
**Teaching method planned:** Lecture, role-playing, cooperative learning groups, demonstration/modeling, simulation, group discussions and problem-solving activities.

**Textbook:** Educational Psychology, Anita Woolfolk, 9th Edition, Allyn and Bacon, 2005 (Chapters 34 (planning) and 39-41 (assessment). (This book was already purchased for Education 300 and will be used again.)


**Course Content:** The content of the course will examine the long-range and short-range instructional planning components for teacher candidates to meet the requirements of the state evaluation system. The course also covers responsibilities related to planning, developing, using, and interpreting assessments during instructional units to improve teaching and learning.
Education 311

Instructor:
Office:
Phone/Voicemail:
Office Hours:
E-mail:

Meeting Times:
Meeting Location:

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Prerequisite: Admission to the Professional Education Program

Course Description
This course is designed to develop an understanding of effective instructional planning, both long-range and short-range, to impact student achievement and classroom measurement. Introduces students to designing standards-driven assessments using curriculum standards. Both informal and formal test interpretation is covered. (3 credit hours)
Course Policies Regarding Attendance/Tardiness/Assignments/Courtesies

• As this is a course preparing you for your profession, you are expected to be in class on time.

• Your peers can serve as valuable resources for you throughout the course. However, the work you submit must be your own.

• Assignments are due at the beginning of class unless otherwise indicated. Late assignments carry a penalty of 10% for each day late.

• Cell phones must be turned off prior to the beginning of class. Also, it is distracting to me and to your classmates for you to check your cell phone, pager, etc, for messages while class is taking place.

• Any exemption to the above will be determined on a case-by-case basis at my discretion.

Methods of Presentation
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Texts:
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Evaluation
Course grade determined by performance on the following items:

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Department/School: School of Education  Date: August 26, 2005
Course No. or level: EDUC 487  Title: Classroom Management

Semester hours: 2  Clock hours: 30  Lecture: X  Laboratory

Prerequisites

Corequisites: Education 489 and Education 490
Enrollment expectation: 35-40

Indicate any course for which this course is a (an)
Substitute: Education 488 Measurement, Evaluation, and Testing has been removed from the Student Teaching Block and a new course, Education 487 Classroom Management, has been added.

Name of person preparing course description: Dr. Sharon Moore Askins

Department Chairperson’s/Dean’s Signature

Provost’s Signature:
Date of Implementation: Fall 2006

Date of School/Department approval

Catalog description:
Designed to develop the knowledge base and skills in teacher candidates for them to be successful in their role as classroom manager. Emphasis is on preparation in the following areas: classroom rules and procedures, disciplinary interventions, teacher-student relationships, teacher mental set, the students’ responsibility for management, and getting off to a good start for teaching and learning.

Purpose:
1. For Whom: Teacher candidates in their student teaching block, Education 490
2. What should the course do for the student? The course should give the teacher candidates the knowledge base and skills for them to be successful in their role as classroom manager.
Teaching method planned: Cooperative learning groups, simulations, role-playing, lecture, case studies, and discussions.

Textbook and/or materials planned (including electronic/multimedia): Classroom Management that Works, Robert Marzano, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Alexandria, Virginia, 2003

Course Content:
Classroom teachers can have a major impact on student achievement. Of the three roles of the classroom teacher-making choices about instructional strategies, designing classroom curriculum, and employing classroom management techniques-classroom management is arguably the foundation. Teacher candidates will be given hands-on experiences in managing instruction and student behavior.

When completed, forward to the Office of the Provost. 9/03
EDUCATION 487
CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
SYLLABUS TOPICS

A. Building a Classroom Management System
B. Classroom Procedures and Rules
C. Handling Transitions and Disruptions
D. Using Proximity
E. Arranging the Classroom
F. Creating Independent Learners
G. Raising Expectations
H. Building Classroom Structure
I. Setting Limits
J. Producing Responsible Behavior
K. Dealing with Typical Classroom Crises
L. Discipline Interventions
M. Managing the Management System
N. Getting Off to A Good Start